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By
JOE SIMON

THE
HUMAN
LIGHTNING
STREAK



FRED PARRISH, HARVARD FOOTBALL STAR, AND TWO COMPANIONS, ON VACATION, ARE PRACTICING PUNTING ON A SECLUDED MOUNTAIN ESTATE..

A SUDDEN STORM BREAKS OUT..

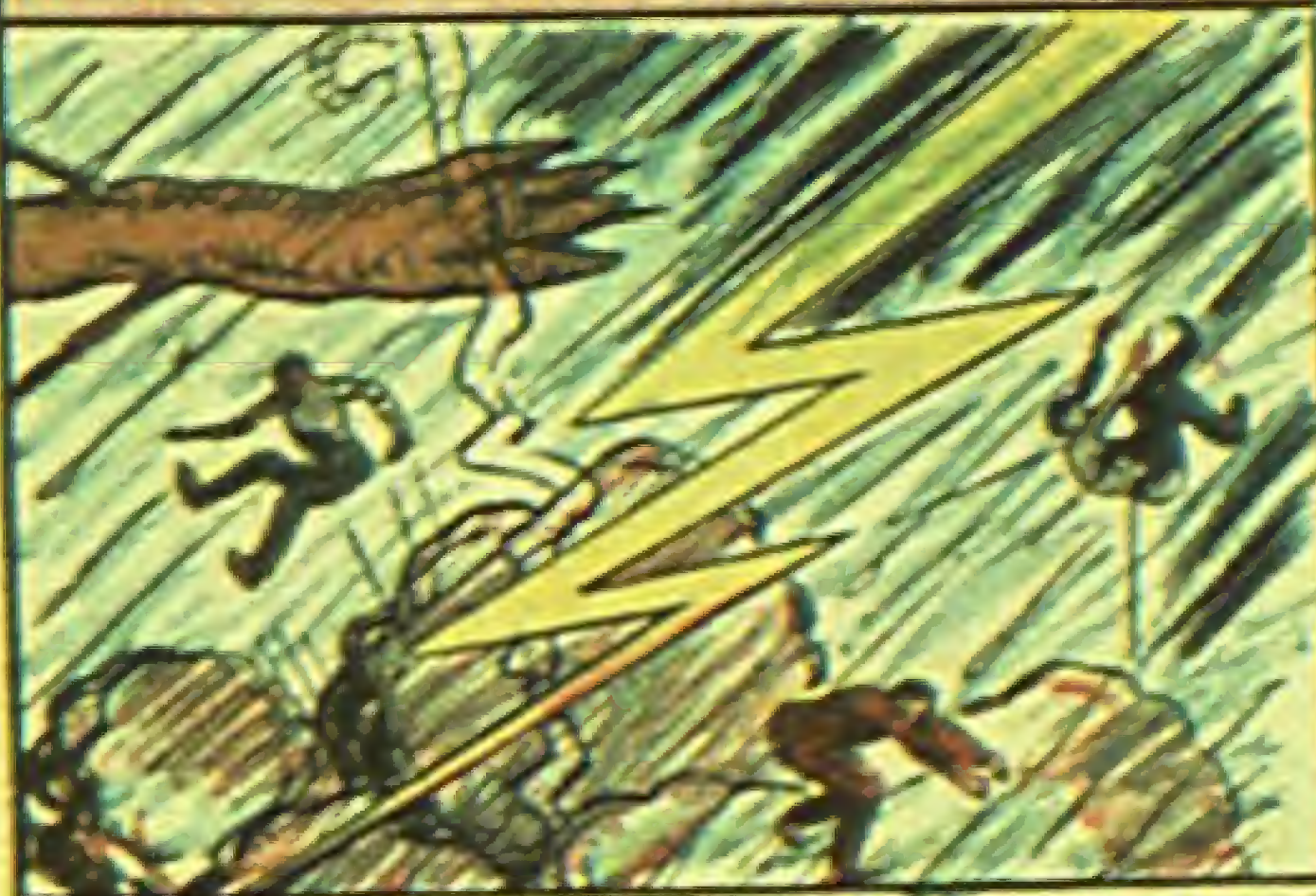
LET'S RUN FOR IT, FELLAS.. UNDER THAT TREE!



LAST ONE UNDER IS A PUNK!



SUDDENLY THE COMRADES ARE DEAFENED BY A DAZZLING BOLT OF LIGHTNING. IT STRIKES SQUARELY AT THE TREE AND SHIMMERS DOWN TO THE ATHLETES



THEY-THEY'RE DEAD! I WONDER IF I AM-I-CAN'T SEEM TO THINK!



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I'VE GOT TO
GET HELP...MY PLANE!
IT'S THE ONLY
CHANCE!



NOW - IF I CAN
GET CLEAR OF
THESE MOUNTAINS!

FRED FORCES HIS PAIN-RACKED BODY
INTO THE COCK-PILOT-MECHANICALLY HIS
UNFEELING HANDS START THE ENGINE.

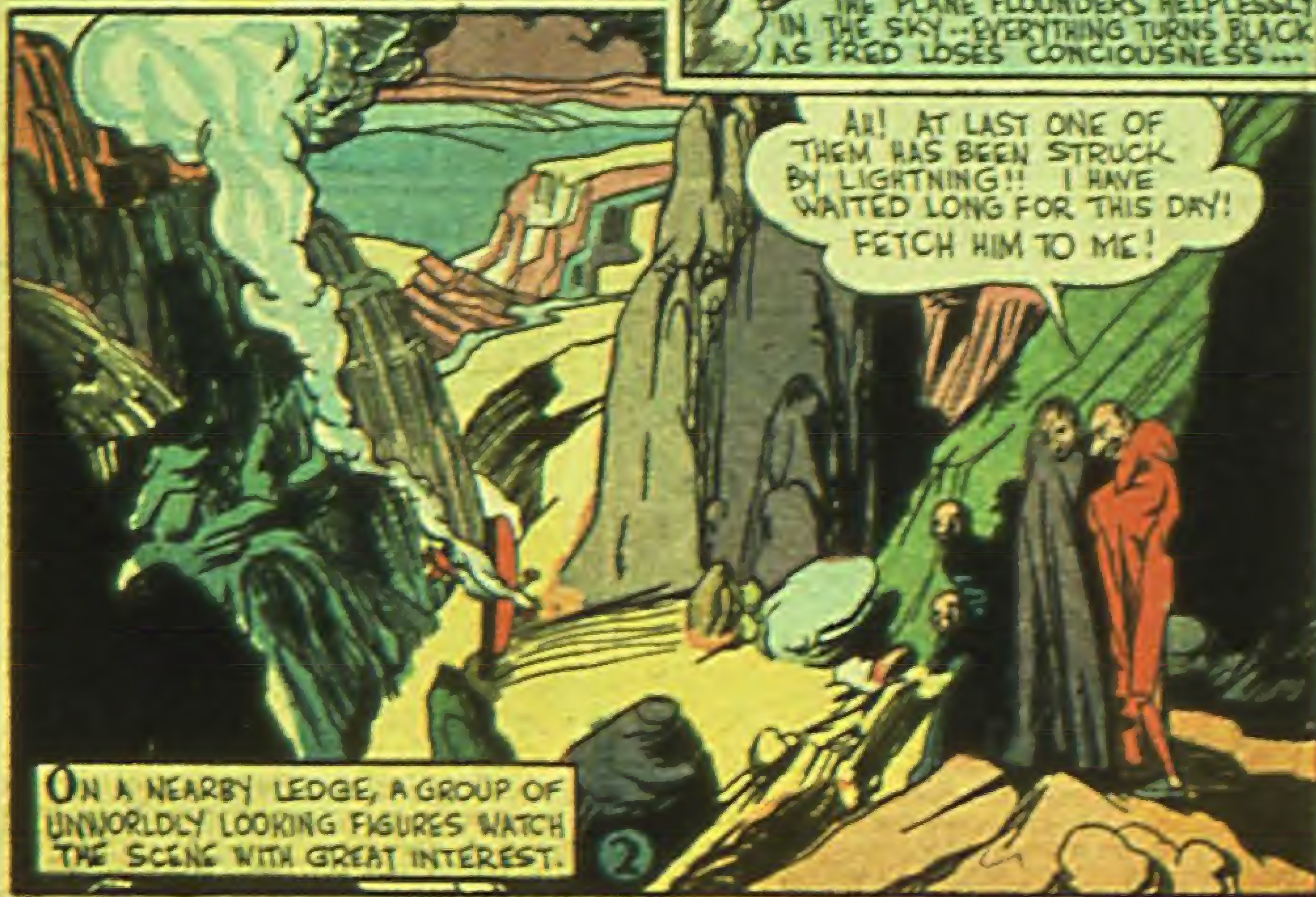


FUNNY -
THE COMPASS
IT JUST WHIRLS
AND POINTS
NOWHERE!

STRAIGHT INTO THE
HEART OF THE STORM,
THE DAZED PILOT SENDS
HIS THROBBING PLANE...
UP - UP - UP



SNAKE-LIKE BOLTS OF
LIGHTNING LASH OUT
AT THE SMALL CRAFT...
THE PLANE FLOUNDERS HELPLESSLY
IN THE SKY--EVERYTHING TURNS BLACK
AS FRED LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS...



AH! AT LAST ONE OF
THEM HAS BEEN STRUCK
BY LIGHTNING!! I HAVE
WAITED LONG FOR THIS DAY!
FETCH HIM TO ME!

ON A NEARBY LEDGE, A GROUP OF
UNWORLDLY LOOKING FIGURES WATCH
THE SCENE WITH GREAT INTEREST.



IT IS MIRACULOUS...
HE IS IN ONE PIECE



DEEP DOWN INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH,
THE WEIRD PROCESSION WENDS ITS WAY...
THEY HALT AT THE ENTRANCE TO A FANTASTIC
LABORATORY...THE LIMP FORM IS LAID
ON AN OPERATING TABLE...BRILLIANT
RADIANT ROCKS GLEAM ALL ABOUT THE ROOM.

TO THE NORMALS OF THE
OUTER WORLD, HE SEEMS
DEAD, BUT NOT TO THE
GREAT DOCTOR BERTOFF!
HAH! I AM THOUSANDS OF
YEARS AHEAD OF THEIR
DOCTORS!!
WE ARE FORTUNATE!
THE LIGHTNING IS
NOT YET DORMANT
WITHIN HIS
BODY!

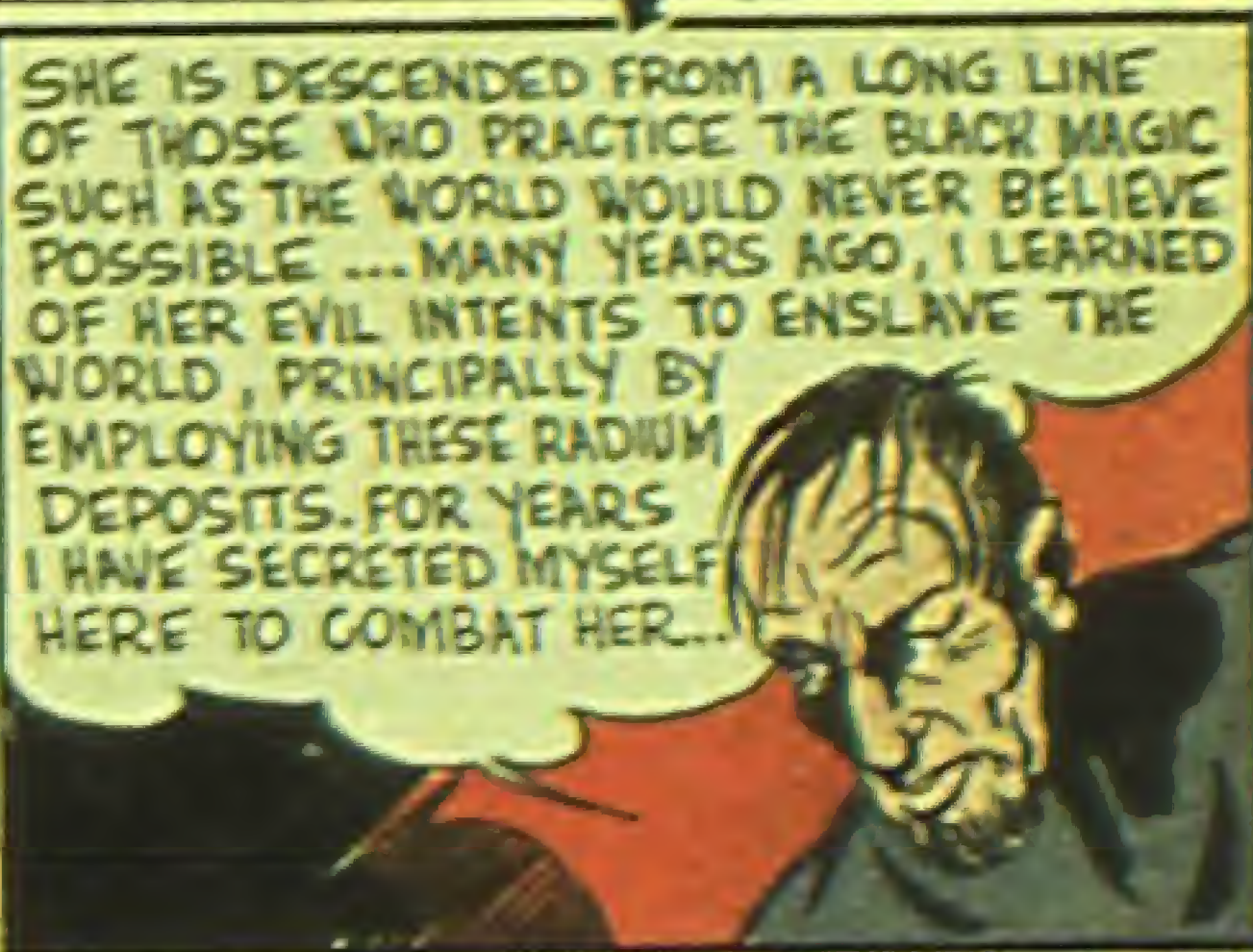


I HAVE CAPTURED THE POWERS OF THE
LIGHTNING AND HAVE CHEMICALLY
HARNESSED THEM IN YOUR
BEING WITH THE AID OF
MY RADIUM DEPOSITS...

WITH THESE
POWERS, YOU
SHALL LEAD MY
LEGIONS AGAINST
THOSE OF THE
GREEN SORCERESS.



SHE IS DESCENDED FROM A LONG LINE
OF THOSE WHO PRACTICE THE BLACK MAGIC
SUCH AS THE WORLD WOULD NEVER BELIEVE
POSSIBLE...MANY YEARS AGO, I LEARNED
OF HER EVIL INTENTS TO ENSLAVE THE
WORLD, PRINCIPALLY BY
EMPLOYING THESE RADIUM
DEPOSITS. FOR YEARS
I HAVE SECRETED MYSELF
HERE TO COMBAT HER...



YOU, BLUE BOLT,
SHALL CARRY ON
WHERE I HAVE
FAILED!



THE FOOL!! TO THINK
THAT HE CAN MATCH
HIS POWERS
AGAINST THE CUNNING
OF THE GREEN
SORCERESS!!



— BUT HE
IS
VERY
HANDSOME!

FAR AWAY THE GREEN SORCERESS WATCHES...

INFURIATED BY THE PROFESSOR'S LATEST THREAT, THE GREEN SORCERESS DETERMINES TO STRIKE FIRST.

WITH A SAVAGE ATTACK OF THE HEAT RAYS, SHE QUICKLY MOBILIZES HER QUEER LEGIONS FOR A KILLING THRUST...

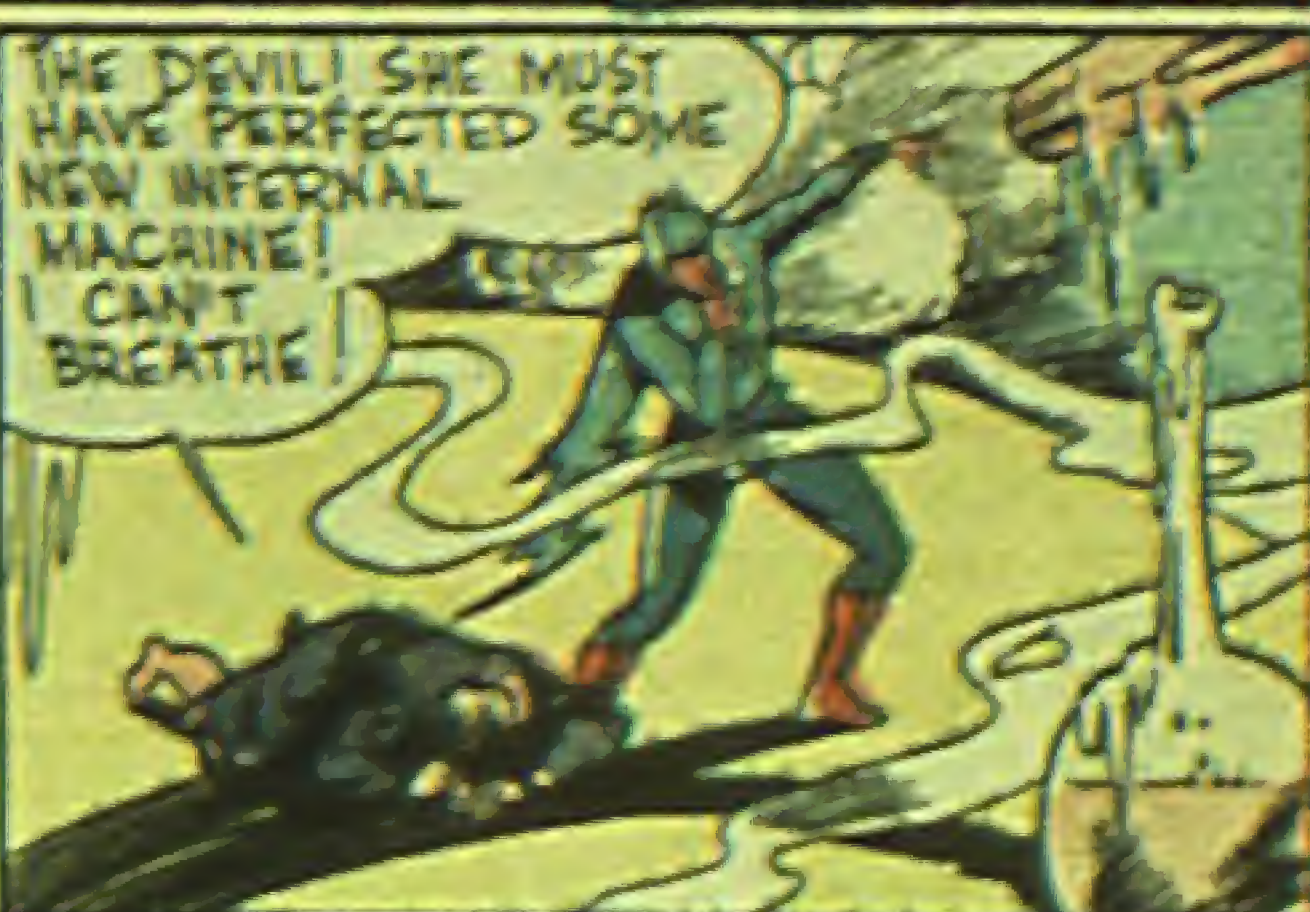
I HAVE TRIFLED LONG ENOUGH WITH THE MAD SCIENTIST AND HIS MISSIONARY WAYS! MAN THE RAYS!

AS YOU COMMAND, HIGHNESS!



AS THE POWERFUL HEAT RAYS BEAT UPON THE MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD, EVERYTHING IN ITS WAY MELTS AND SHRIVELS...THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN-SIDE SEEMS TO BE AFIRE...

THE DEVIL! SHE MUST HAVE PERFECTED SOME NEW INFERNAL MACHINE! I CAN'T BREATHE!



SOON THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY REACH INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE LABORATORY...



BUT THE NEWLY ENDOWED POWERS OF LIGHTNING ARE NOT TO BE DENIED. WITH A MIGHTY LUNGE, BLUE BOLT HURLS HIMSELF AND THE SCIENTIST INTO SPACE, HIS LIGHTNING GUN BLAZING OPENINGS AHEAD



THIS WILL FIX YOUR FIENDISH MACHINES!



MY RAYS!! HE IS RUINING MY GREAT INVENTION! RELEASE THE BIRDS! THEY WILL STOP HIM!

SOON THE GREEN SORCERESS FEELS THE AMAZING POWERS OF BLUE BOLT!

THEY ARE
VERY HUNGRY!

AT THE
STRANGE
COMMAND,
A GUARD
RUSHES TO
A HUGE
BIRD
CAGE...



AS THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN, THE SKY IS
DARKENED BY MONSTROUS WINGED CREATURES.
THEY SWOOP DOWN ON BLUE BOLT...



IN THE STRANGEST AERIAL BATTLE
ONE WOULD EVER EXPECT TO SEE, BLUE BOLT'S
LIGHTNING FUN FALLS OUT SEVERE PUNISHMENT
TO THE SAVAGE HORDE...



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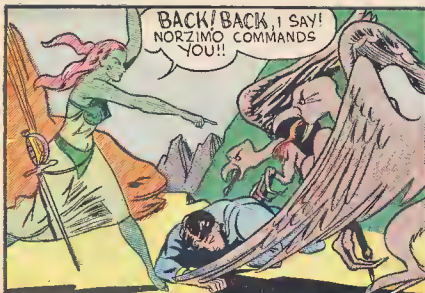
BUT THE
TREMENDOUS
ADVANTAGE IN
NUMBERS SOON
TAKES ITS TOLL
ON THE LIGHTNING
MAN...



AND HE IS FELLED BY TERRIBLE THRUSTS
FROM IRON TALONS...



THE MONSTERS SWOOP DOWN TO DEAL
THE DEATH BLOW... THEN---



BACK! BACK, I SAY!
NORZIMO COMMANDS
YOU!!

FEARLESSLY, THE SORCERESS RUSHES AT THE MONSTERS.
THEY HESITATE FOR A MOMENT AND THEN RETREAT..

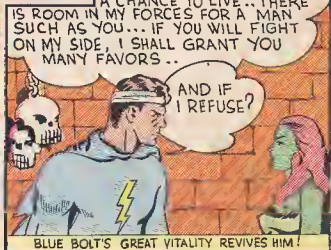


TAKE HIM
TO THE
CHAMBERS

AS THE BIRDS OBEY HER,
THE GREEN SORCERESS COMMANDS!



HE IS SO HANDSOME
BUT HE AWAKENS!
I MUST NOT LET
HIM FIND ME
LIKE THIS..



IS ROOM IN MY FORCES FOR A MAN
SUCH AS YOU... IF YOU WILL FIGHT
ON MY SIDE, I SHALL GRANT YOU
MANY FAVORS..

AND IF
I REFUSE?

BLUE BOLT'S GREAT VITALITY REVIVES HIM!



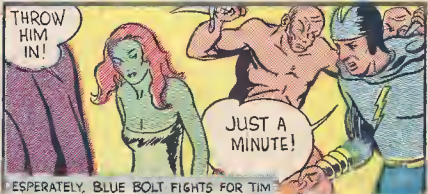
THEN, FOOL,
YOU SHALL BE
FED TO THE
DRAGONS!

I PREFER
TO TAKE
MY CHANCES
WITH THEM!



NOW, BLUE BOLT...YOU ARE
NOT SO BRAVE, ARE YOU?

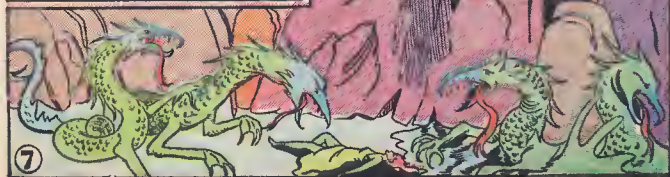
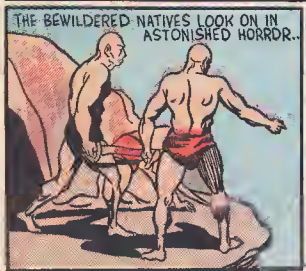
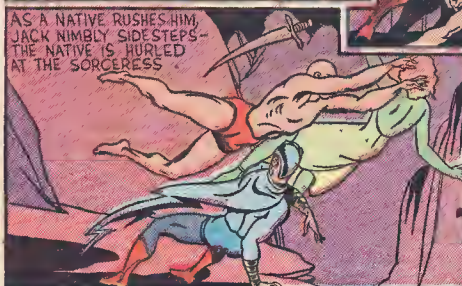
LOVELY LITTLE
PLAYMATES YOU
HAVE, DUCHESS.



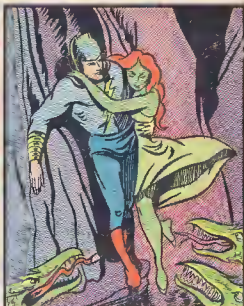
THROW
HIM
IN!

JUST A
MINUTE!

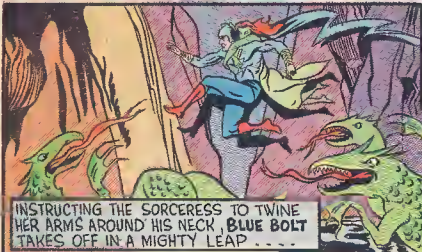
ESPERATELY, BLUE BOLT FIGHTS FOR TIME



LANDING IN THE MIDST OF THE DRAGONS, BLUE BOLT DIVERTS THEIR ATTENTION JUST AS THEY ARE ABOUT TO DO AWAY WITH THE GIRL



HE PICKS HER UP AND SLOWLY BACKS AWAY FROM THE HIDEOUS CREATURES WHO ARE STILL TOO SURPRISED TO ATTACK... THE GIRL IS REVIVED...



INSTRUCTING THE SORCESSERESS TO TWINE HER ARMS AROUND HIS NECK, BLUE BOLT TAKES OFF IN A MIGHTY LEAP....



YOU'LL NOT BE TOO HARD ON HER?

AH, BUT SHE IS WICKED, MY BOY..

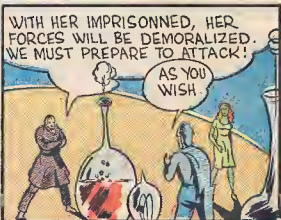
HE KEEPS GOING PAST THE SORCESSERESS' STRONGHOLD AND DELIVERS HER TO THE PROFESSOR, WHO IS BUSILY ENGAGED AT REPAIRING HIS LABORATORY..



WHY, SHE'S DISAPPEARED! IT-IT'S INCREDIBLE!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!

TURNING TO SEIZE THE SORCESSERESS, BLUE BOLT SEES ONLY A GREEN CLOUD WHERE SHE STOOD..



WITH HER IMPRISONED, HER FORCES WILL BE DEMOLARIZED! WE MUST PREPARE TO ATTACK!

AS YOU WISH.



GONE — BUT I HAVE A STRANGE PREMONITION THAT SHE WILL RETURN — — AND MORE VENGEFUL THAN EVER!

BLUE BOLT RETURNS AGAIN! NEXT 1952!!

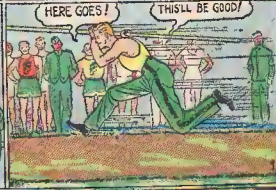
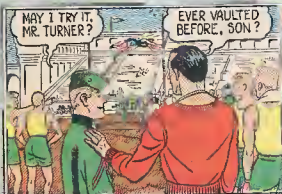
DICK COLE

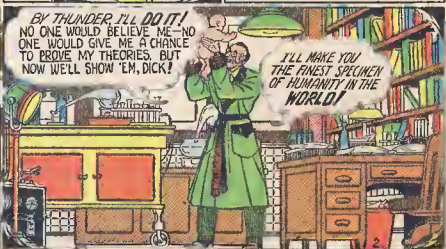
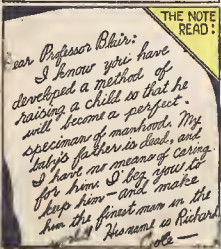
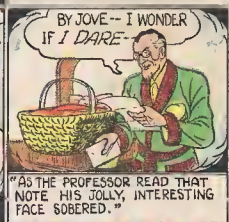
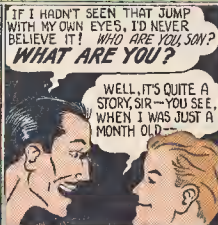
WONDER-BOY

By
Bob Davis -



INTRODUCING THAT WONDER
BOY OF AMERICAN YOUTH—DICK
COLE—THE NEWEST, MOST START-
LING CHARACTER IN ACTION PIC-
TURE MAGAZINES. THE STORY OF
THIS SUPER BOY OPENS AT FARR
MILITARY ACADEMY WHERE ---





"I STAYED ON WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND BEFORE I WAS THREE MONTHS OLD, HE HAD ALREADY BEGUN INJECTING ME WITH SPECIAL VITAMIN SERUMS."

BY GOLLY, THESE INJECTIONS ARE SHOWING RESULTS ALREADY! HIS FIRST TEETH ARE COMING IN!

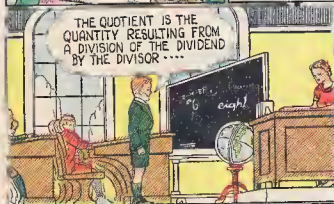
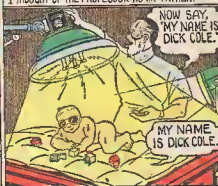


COME ON THERE, OLD MAN--
COME AND GET IT. THREE
STEPS MORE!



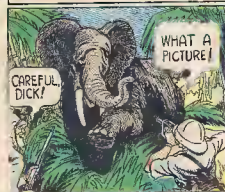
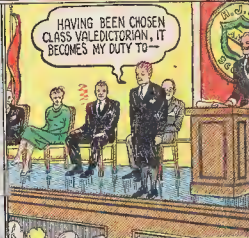
"AT SIX MONTHS I HAD STARTED WALKING. MY SPECIAL DIET WAS WORKING WONDERS."

"MY TREATMENT INCLUDED EXPOSURE TO VARIOUS COMBINATIONS OF RAYS, FROM ULTRA VIOLET TO GAMMA. WHEN I WAS A YEAR OLD, I COULD TALK AS WELL AS A THREE YEAR OLD. I THOUGHT OF THE PROFESSOR AS MY FATHER."



"WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD I WAS HEAD OF MY CLASS."

"AT TEN I GRADUATED FROM JUNIOR HIGH WITH TOP HONORS."



"AFTER I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AT TWELVE, PROFESSOR BLAIR TOOK ME ABROAD FOR FIVE YEARS-- IN AFRICA"

MY ATHLETIC TRAINING WAS NOT
NEGLECTED IN FRANCE --



"I TOOK TO SPORTS QUICKLY. IN SWITZERLAND--"

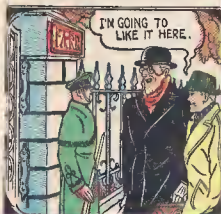
"MY EDUCATION CONTINUED...."



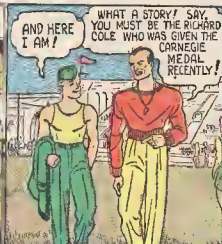
"WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN, WE CAME HOME. AS WE DOCKED, THE PROFESSOR--"



"AND SO I WAS ENTERED AT FARR ---"

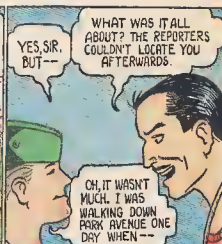


AND HERE I AM!



YES, SIR, BUT ---

WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT? THE REPORTERS COULDN'T LOCATE YOU AFTERWARDS.



WOW! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING-- AND FAST!

LOOK! HE'S GOING TO JUMP! HEAVENS! HE'S GOT A BABY IN HIS ARMS!



"THERE WAS A MADMAN UP THERE, HOLDING A CRYING BABY, AND JUST ABOUT READY TO ---"

ANYBODY COME NEAR ME AN' I'LL JUMP!



"I SHOT INTO THE BUILDING ---"

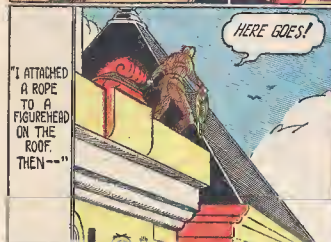
HOW DO YOU GET TO THE ROOF?

THERE!



"I ATTACHED A ROPE TO A FIGUREHEAD ON THE ROOF. THEN ---"

HERE GOES!



NOW, LISTEN--

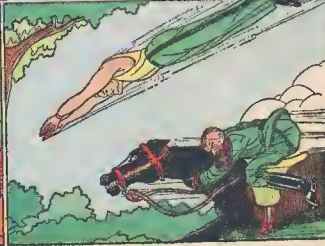
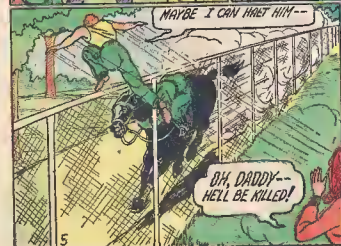
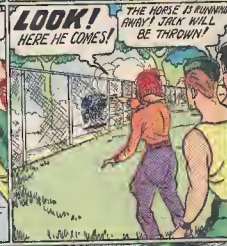
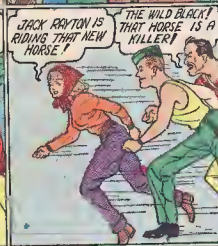
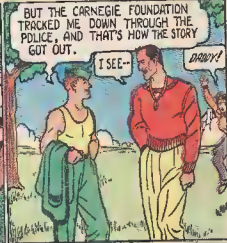
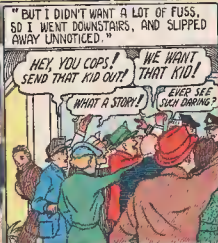
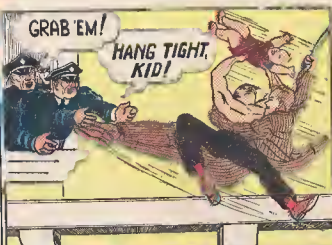
NO! NO! I'M GOING TO JUMP-- NOW!

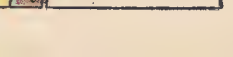
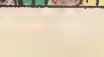
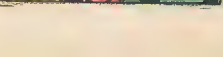
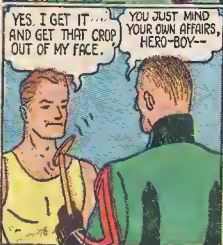
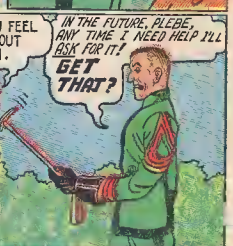
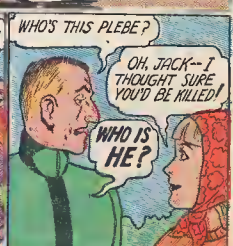


HE'S JUMPED!

OH!!







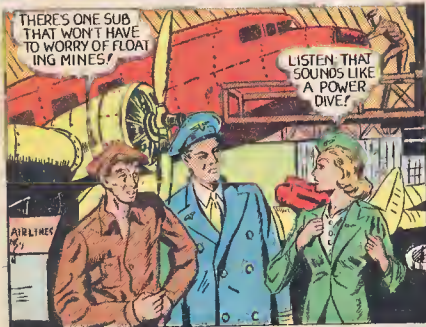
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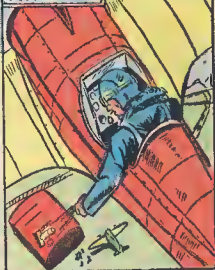
AIR HOSTESS

By
William Rowland
Ray Gill

AFTER A LONG AND BITTER FIGHT, TRANS-AIR CORPORATION HAS WON THE RIGHT TO BE THE FIRST TO FLY THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL ON A NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES TO PORTUGAL. THEIR NEW SUB-STRATOSPHERE PLANE, COMMANDED BY CHUCK DAWSON WITH JIM JENNINGS AS CO-PILOT AND BEAUTIFUL PAGE PARKS AS HOSTESS, IS BEING FUELED FOR THE RECORD-BREAKING FLIGHT. THEY DISCUSS THE IMPENDING FLIGHT.



A MYSTERIOUS PILOT HURLS A MONKEY WRENCH FROM HIS PLANE AND-



THE WRENCH CRASHES THROUGH THE GLASS ROOF OF THE HANGAR AND HITS JIM JENNINGS.



PAGE READS A NOTE ATTACHED TO THE WRENCH.

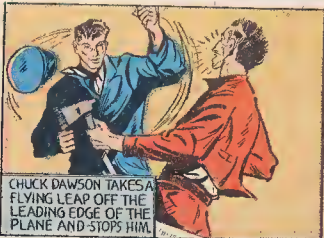
THE BIG SHIP
HAS BEEN
ROLLED INTO
POSITION AND
IT IS ONLY A
MATTER OF
MINUTES
UNTIL IT
TAKES OFF
ON A FLIGHT
THAT WILL
MAKE
HISTORY.



STOP HIM!

SUDDENLY, A MAN, ARMED WITH A LARGE AX, BREAKS THROUGH AND RACES MADLY TOWARD THE DELICATE CONTROLLABLE-PITCH PROPELLORS.

FROM THE WINDOW, DIRECTLY ABOVE THE MOTORS, PAGE PARKS SHOTS A STREAM OF LIQUID INTO THE MADMAN'S FACE AND—



CHUCK DAWSON TAKES A FLYING LEAP OFF THE LEADING EDGE OF THE PLANE AND STOPS HIM.

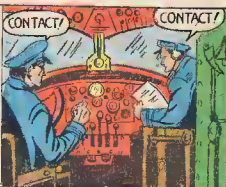
WELL YOU SURE GOT HIM THAT TIME, HOW DID YOU DO IT? WHAT WAS THAT STUFF?

THAT'S A TRICK I LEARNED WHEN I HAD TO SOUJELCH A FRESH GUY ONCE! IT WAS A FIRE EXTINGUISHER!

YOU SURE COOLED HIM.



THE TWO PILOTS SEATED IN THE CONTROL ROOM OF THE GREAT SHIP WATCH THE FIELD TOWER FOR THE SIGNAL TO TAKE OFF.



CONTACT?

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JIM JENNINGS, THE CO-PILOT THROWS THE SWITCH AND THE INERTIA STARTER TURNS OVER THE TWELVE SUPER-CHARGED ENGINES THEY'RE OFF!

HOWS OUR HUNDRED PASSENGERS?

WE ONLY GOT TEN, THE REST IS PHILATELISTS' AIL.

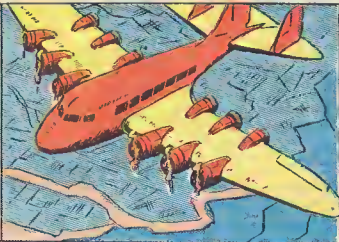


WHAT? WHERE'S MY PARACHUTE? I'M NOT GOING TO FLY ANYTHING PHONEY!

TAKE IT EASY JIM! A PHILATELIST IS ONLY A STAMP COLLECTOR.



AT 25,000 FEET, THE GREAT SHIP HURTTLES THROUGH THE SUB STRATO-SPHERE AT 350 MILES PER HOUR.



HELLO MISS PARKS IS EVERYBODY COMFORTABLE? (TOUGH LOOKING BUNCH EH?)

YES, MR. DAWSON. EVERYBODY IS COMFORTABLE I HOPE!



BUT A HALF HOUR LATER—

MAY I TROUBLE YOU FOR YOUR SHIP??

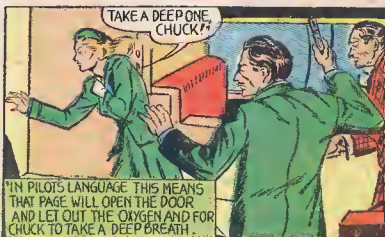


HERE'S ONE FOR YOU, DIRK STEVENS!

CHUCK LEAPS IN, FISTS FLYING, AS—



PAGE GOES TO WORK WITH HER FIRE EXTINGUISHER THEN—



TAKE A DEEP ONE, CHUCK!!

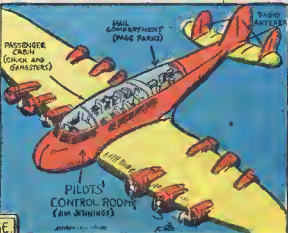
IN PILOTS LANGUAGE THIS MEANS THAT PAGE WILL OPEN THE DOOR AND LET OUT THE OXYGEN AND FOR CHUCK TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

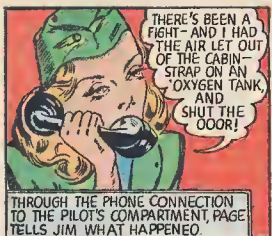
PAGE THROWS OPEN THE DOOR AND JUMPS INTO THE MAIL COMPARTMENT DIRECTLY BEHIND HER.

EACH OF THE PLANES THREE COMPARTMENTS IS SEPARATELY CONDITIONED WITH OXYGEN.

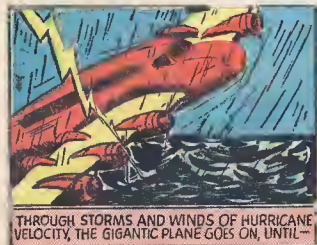
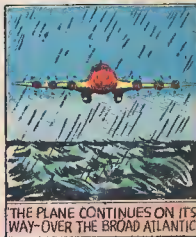
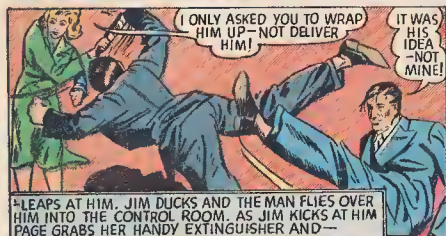
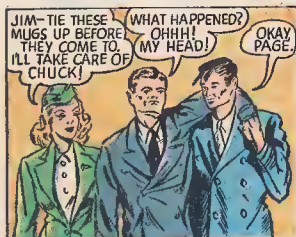


THE FORCE OF THE GAS LEAVING THE SHIP CAUSED THE DOOR OF THE PILOT'S CHAMBER TO SLAM SHUT, PROVIDING A SEALED AIR TIGHT COMPARTMENT FOR JIM JENNINGS. THE MAIL ROOM IS A HAVEN FOR PAGE.





JIM PUTS THE PLANE UNDER "ROBOT CONTROL" AND, WITH THE PORTABLE OXYGEN TANK, HURRIEDLY SHUTS THE DOOR.



THE SUB-ZERO MAN

HARRY ANTONETTE

FOR MANY YEARS THE SCIENTISTS OF THE PLANET VENUS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO REACH THE EARTH WITH THEIR POWERFUL ATOM SHIPS... FINALLY A SUPER-ATOM SHIP ZOOMS THROUGH SPACE WELL ON THE WAY TOWARD THE EARTH...

SUDDENLY, AS THEY NEAR THE EARTH, A GREAT FROZEN ASTEROID SWIRLS INTO THEIR PATH...

QUICK... STOP THE SHIP OR WE'LL CRASH!!

AT OUR SPEED IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP. WE'RE GOING TO HIT... HOLD TIGHT!!

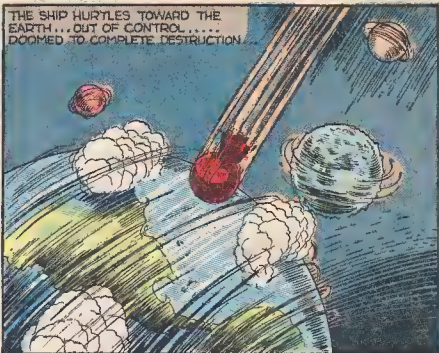
THE SHIP PLUNGES HEADLONG INTO THE ASTEROID...

... BUT INSTEAD OF BEING A SOLID, THE ASTEROID PROVES TO BE A MASS OF FROZEN GAS AND THE SHIP PASSES THROUGH UNHARMED BUT HEAVILY COATED WITH ICE...

INSIDE THE SHIP THE INTENSE COLD HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL.... EVERY MAN IS FROZEN STIFF...

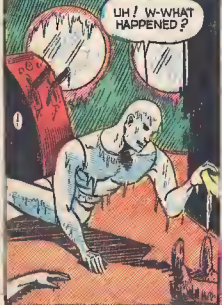


THE SHIP HURTTES TOWARD THE EARTH... OUT OF CONTROL..... DOOMED TO COMPLETE DESTRUCTION...



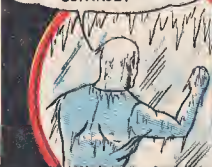
FINALLY ONE MAN IN THE CONTROL ROOM SEEMS TO MOVE...

UH! W-WHAT HAPPENED?



HE STAGGERS TO THE WINDOW...

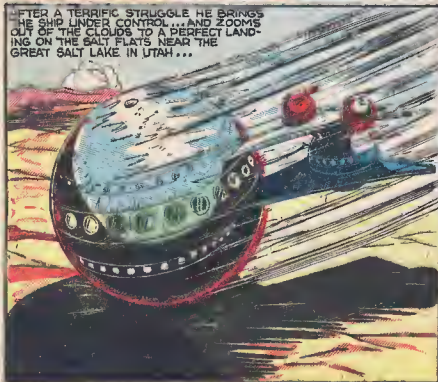
IT'S THE EARTH! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH! I'VE GOT TO GET THIS SHIP UNDER CONTROL!



THE LEVERS WON'T WORK! THEY'RE FROZEN! EVERYTHING I TOUCH FREEZES! I'VE GOT TO LAND THIS SHIP SOMEHOW... I'VE GOT TO!!!



AFTER A TERRIFIC STRUGGLE HE BRINGS THE SHIP UNDER CONTROL... AND ZOOMS OUT OF THE CLOUDS TO A PERFECT LANDING ON THE SALT FLATS NEAR THE GREAT SALT LAKE IN UTAH...



WHEW... I MADE IT... THE FIRST VENUSIAN SHIP TO LAND ON THE EARTH!



HE GOES THROUGH THE SHIP
TRYING TO WAKE UP HIS COMPANIONS

THEY'RE
DEAD....
FROZEN!

THERE'S A
HOUSE OVER THERE ...
I'LL GO AND GET
HELP!

SOMEBODY'S
INSIDE, ALRIGHT!

SUDDENLY A COLD BLAST WHIPS
THROUGH PROFESSOR ABBOT'S
SECLUDED LABORATORY...

IT'S BEEN
HOT AS BLAZES ALL DAY,
AND NOW THIS FREEZING
WIND.... IT'S AMAZING!

MY...WHAT A
TERRIBLY COLD
BREEZE, AND IT SOUNDS
LIKE THE NORTH
WIND!

ALL SET, DOCTOR?
WE'LL TRY THE ATOMIC RAY
ONCE MORE, THEN INVESTIGATE
THIS COLD WAVE ...
HERE GOES!

AT THAT MOMENT THE VENUSIAN
BURSTS THROUGH THE DOOR...

LOOK OUT!
YOU'LL BE
KILLED!!

...TOO LATE... THE VENUSIAN STOPS DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE
ATOMIC RAY, AND HE CHANGES FROM FREEZING COLD TO NORMAL

WHY HE'S STILL
ALIVE ... AND HE'S LOST
THAT BLUE-WHITE
COLOR!

I'M FROM VENUS!
I JUST LANDED OUTSIDE YOUR
LABORATORY!

I'M PROFESSOR
ABBOT! I'D LIKE TO
SHAKE HANDS WITH
A MAN FROM
VENUS!

AS THE VENUSIAN REACHES OUT HIS HAND IT TURNS BLUE-WHITE...

MY HAND...IT'S FROZEN!!

GLAD TO MEET... OH, I'M SORRY!



QUICKLY THE PROFESSOR PUTS HIS HAND IN THE ATOMIC RAY AND IT RETURNS TO NORMAL...

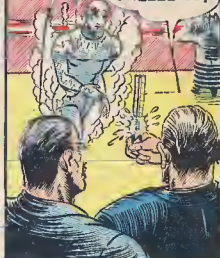
THERE, MY HAND'S ALL RIGHT AGAIN!



THE PROFESSOR ASKS HIM TO STEP AWAY FROM THE RAY FOR A MINUTE...

LOOK... DOCTOR, HE'S TURNED COLD AGAIN! HE'S CHANGED THIS ROOM TO SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURE!

YES, THIS THERMOMETER JUST BROKE... GET BACK IN THE RAY... YOU'LL FREEZE US!



BACK IN THE RAY HE TELLS HIS STORY...

... AND AFTER I LANDED HERE I FIND THAT EVERYTHING I TOUCH FREEZES AND DISINTEGRATES FROM THE COLD... ONLY UNDER THIS RAY AM I NORMAL!

MOST AMAZING... A SUB-ZERO MAN!

THERE MUST BE OTHERS IN THE SHIP! LET'S LOOK!



THEY'RE DEAD... ALL DEAD!

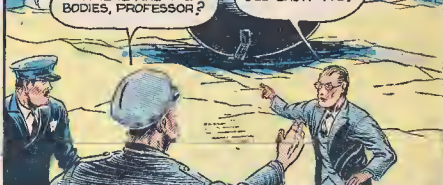
WE BETTER NOTIFY THE POLICE!



IN SHORT ORDER THE POLICE SHOW UP...

WHERE ARE THE BODIES, PROFESSOR?

IN THE SHIP... I'LL SHOW YOU!



SEEING THE POLICE THE SUB-ZERO MAN MISTAKES THEIR INTENTIONS.

THEY THINK I MURDERED MY COMPANIONS... I'LL END IT ALL WITH THIS ATOM GUN!



HE PASSES THE CONTROL AND THE ATOM GUN RESPONDS WITH A FLASH...

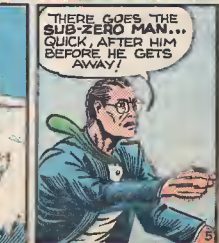
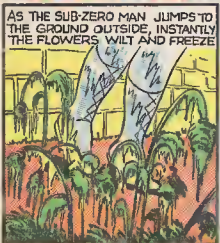
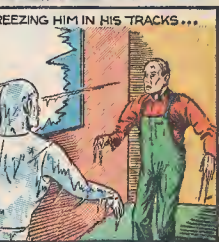
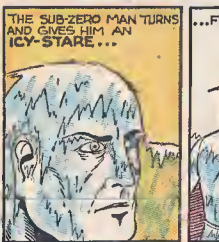
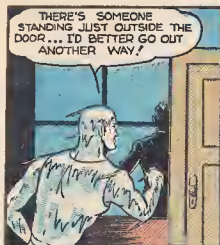
IT CHANGED ME BACK TO NORMAL!



A FEW MINUTE LATER HE IS THE SUB-ZERO MAN AGAIN...

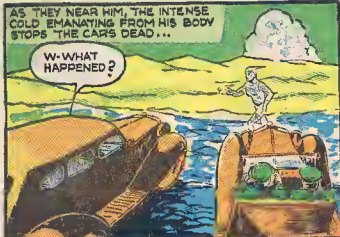
HERE THEY COME!... I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!



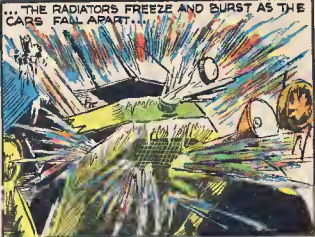


AS THEY NEAR HIM, THE INTENSE COLD EMANATING FROM HIS BODY STOPS THE CARS DEAD...

W-WHAT HAPPENED?

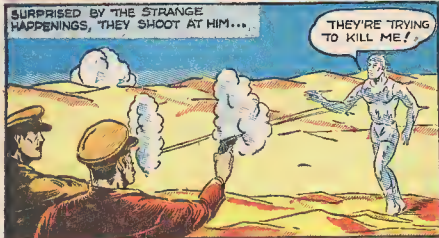


... THE RADIATORS FREEZE AND BURST AS THE CARS FALL APART...

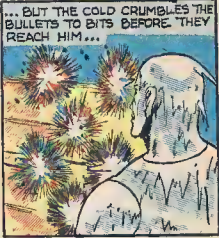


SURPRISED BY THE STRANGE HAPPENINGS, THEY SHOOT AT HIM...

THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL ME!



... BUT THE COLD CRUMBLES THE BULLETS TO BITS BEFORE THEY REACH HIM...

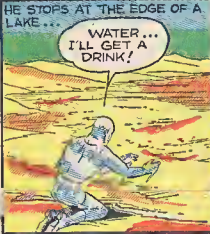


I'LL RUN AWAY... THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME!



HE STOPS AT THE EDGE OF A LAKE...

WATER... I'LL GET A DRINK!



HE SCOOPS UP WATER IN HIS HANDS...

IT FREEZES AS SOON AS I TOUCH IT!



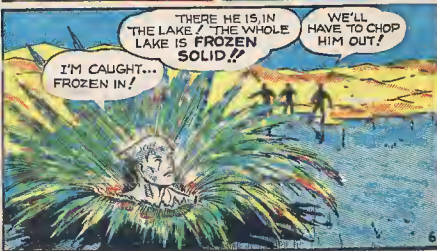
THEY'RE CLOSING IN ON ME... MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO SWIM THIS LAKE!



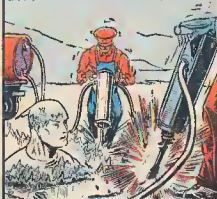
THERE HE IS, IN THE LAKE / THE WHOLE LAKE IS FROZEN SOLID!!

WE'LL HAVE TO CHOP HIM OUT!

I'M CAUGHT... FROZEN IN!



THE ICE IS FROZEN SO SOLID THAT POWERFUL AIR-DRILLS HAVE TO BE USED TO CUT HIM OUT...



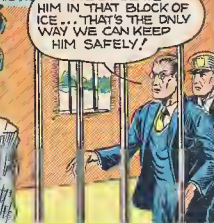
ENCASED IN A BLOCK OF ICE, HE IS LIFTED ONTO A TRUCK WITH THE AID OF A DERRICK...



...AND PLACED IN THE TOWN JAIL...



WE'LL LEAVE HIM IN THAT BLOCK OF ICE... THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN KEEP HIM SAFELY!



THAT NIGHT THE INTENSE COLD OF THE SUB-ZERO MAN CAUSES THE ICE TO CRACK...

THE ICE IS CRACKING... I CAN BREAK THROUGH!



WITH SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH HE EXPANDS HIS MUSCLES AND ANO THE ICE BREAKS LOOSE..

THERE, I'M FREE!



THE IRON BARS CRUMBLE AS HE TOUCHES THEM...



... AND HE SPEEDS AWAY INTO THE NIGHT...



FINALLY HE COMES TO A DEEP CANYON...

THE ONLY WAY I CAN CROSS IS OVER THE DAM!



HE RACES ACROSS THE DAM...



... BUT WITH EACH STEP THE
CONCRETE CRACKS AND CRUMBLES
FROM THE INTENSE COLD...



... GREAT CRACKS OPEN UP...



JUST AS HE REACHES THE FAR SIDE
THE DAM BREAKS LOOSE WITH A ROAR...



... AND A GREAT WALL OF WATER RUSHES DOWN
THE VALLEY... CRUSHING EVERYTHING IN ITS
PATH...



I BROKE THE DAM!
THERE'S A TOWN IN THE VALLEY!
I MUST STOP THE WATER OR
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WILL
BE KILLED!



WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT
HE RACES AHEAD OF THE
WATER...



HE SUDDENLY TURNS AND DASHES ACROSS THE VALLEY, JUST IN FRONT OF THE ENORMOUS WAVE ... FREEZING IT SOLID!!!

HE GOES BACK AND PATS THE FROZEN WAVE WITH HIS HANDS...

NOW IT'S FROZEN SOLID FOR MILES BACK... IT WILL TAKE MONTHS TO MELT!

AS THE SUB-ZERO MAN RACES INTO TOWN TO WARN THE PEOPLE SEVERAL THIEVES ARE ABOUT TO ROB A JEWELRY STORE...

ALL SET, SPIKE... BREAK THE GLASS!



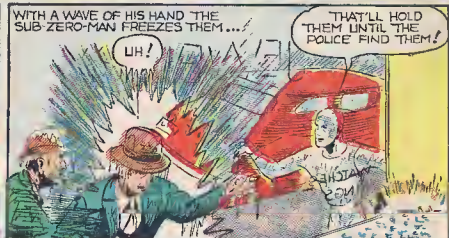
HURRY UP... BR-R-R... IT'S GETTING COLD.....



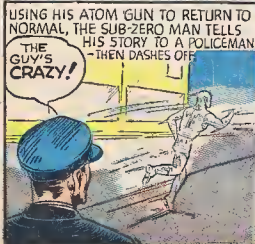
WITH A WAVE OF HIS HAND THE SUB-ZERO-MAN FREEZES THEM...

UH!

THAT'LL HOLD THEM UNTIL THE POLICE FIND THEM!



USING HIS ATOM GUN TO RETURN TO NORMAL, THE SUB-ZERO MAN TELLS HIS STORY TO A POLICEMAN - THEN DASHES OFF. THE GUY'S CRAZY!



W-WHYY, THERE'S THE ROBBERS FROZEN STIFF... T-THAT MUST'VE BEEN THE SUB-ZERO MAN WE WERE WARNED ABOUT... GOLLY!!



WILL THE SUB-ZERO MAN BE CAUGHT?

FOLLOW THIS CHARACTER IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THIS MAGAZINE

SERGEANT



by Malcolm Kildale

HI-YA, SERGEANT SPOOK? -DID YOU CRACK THE CARRIE CARTER CASE YET?

I'M WORKING ON IT, SON.



SERGEANT SPOOK ENTERS POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND SETS TO WORK ON A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS PERTAINING TO THE DEATH OF AN OLD WOMAN NAMED CARRIE CARTER -WHO HAS BEEN MURDERED.



THOROUGHLY ENGROSSED IN HIS WORK, SERGEANT SPOOK ABSENT MINDEDLY LEANS HIS PIPE AGAINST A RACK CONTAINING VIALS OF CHEMICALS!!

HMMMM!



WHEN SUDDENLY !!



GEE-THAT'S ME LYING THERE!-I'M DEAD-AND YET I FEEL ALL RIGHT- BUT I'M TRANSPARENT!!

WHY-WHY-I MUST BE A GHOST!!!



THE MEN IN THE BUILDING RUSH TO AID SERGEANT SPOOK, BUT THEY'RE TOO LATE!

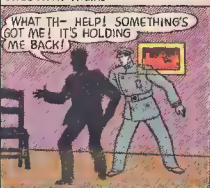
GREAT SCOTT! HE'S DEAD!



SERGEANT SPOOK SPEAKS BUT TO NO AVAIL, — HE CAN'T BE HEARD! —



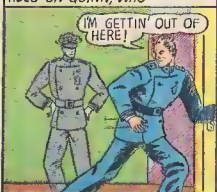
GRABBING HOLD OF ONE OF HIS PALS, SPOOK TRIES TO PROVE HE'S STILL WITH THEM.



SURE YOU MUST BE IN YOUR CUPS, QUINN! YE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM, WITH NOTHING EVEN NEAR YOU!



REALIZING THE FUTILITY OF HIS EFFORTS, SPOOK RELEASES HIS HOLD ON QUINN, WHO —



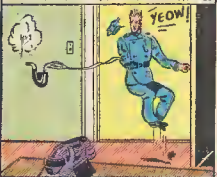
WELL, I GUESS I'M 100% SPOOK NOW! — NO ONE SEES OR HEARS ME. — I'M JUST NOTHING BUT A NOTHING. — GUESS I'LL SPEND THE NIGHT HERE.



NEXT MORNING —



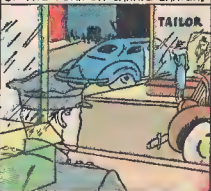
PICKING UP ONE OF THE MANY OLD PIPES HE HAD IN THE LAB, HE LAPSES INTO DEEP THOUGHT AND HIS OWN MENTAL IMAGE VANISHES.



SERGEANT SPOOK, SEEING ALL THE COMMOTION HE'S CAUSING, DECIDES TO LEAVE.



HEADING DOWNTOWN, SERGEANT SPOOK MAKES FOR THE RESIDENCE OF THE FORMER CARRIE CARTER.



PONDERING OVER THE MYSTERY, SERGEANT SPOOK BUMPS SMACK INTO A MAN, KNOCKING HIM DOWN.



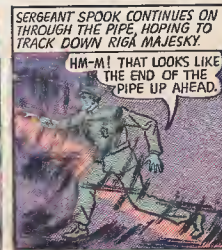
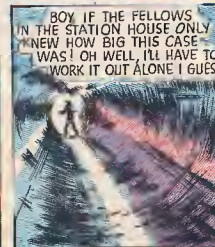
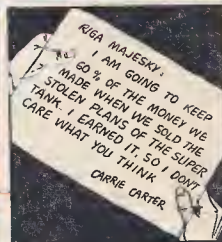
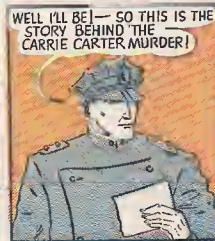
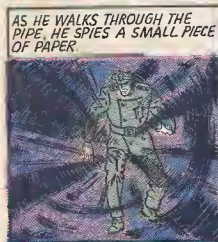
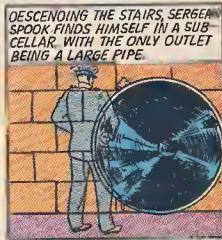
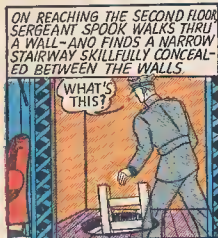
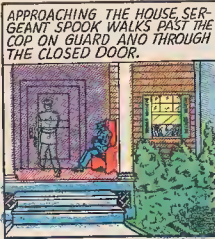
WHAT HIT ME?



WOO—WOO!



SERGEANT SPOOK APOLOGIZES, BUT NO ONE HEARS HIM. BEING A GENTLEMAN, HE PICKS UP THE PACKAGE THE MAN HAD DROPPED, AND —



AT THE END OF THE PIPE, SERGEANT SPOOK FINDS A HUGE STEEL DOOR BARRING THE EXIT.



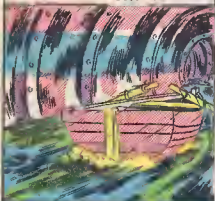
WALKING THROUGH THE DOOR, HE FINDS HIMSELF STANDING ON A SMALL DOCK IN THE CITY SEWER.



HM-M. SOME LAYOUT THIS GANG HAS I GUESS I'LL TAKE THIS BOAT AND FOLLOW THE COURSE OF SEWER.



SERGEANT SPOOK, DEEP IN THOUGHT ROWS DOWN THE SEWER.



SUDDENLY HE COMES ACROSS ANOTHER DOCK SIMILAR TO THE ONE HE JUST LEFT.



HO! IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THIS WILL BE THE RESIDENCE OF RIGA MAJESKY.

AFTER WALKING THROUGH ANOTHER HUGE PIPE SERGEANT SPOOK FINDS HIMSELF IN A SUB-CELLAR.



HEARING VOICES DIRECTLY ABOVE HIM, SPOOK LEAPS UP THROUGH THE FLOOR, AND —

—FINDS HIMSELF IN A WELL-DECORATED ROOM OCCUPIED BY RIGA MAJESKY AND HIS GANG.



LISTEN, YOU GUYS!

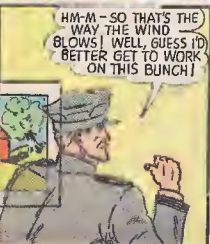
WELL BOYS WE'LL GO AFTER THE PLANS OF THE NEW ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN NEXT.



BUT BOSS, DON'T YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO BLOW IT MIGHT GET TOO HOT AFTER THE WAY WE BUMPED OFF CARRIE!



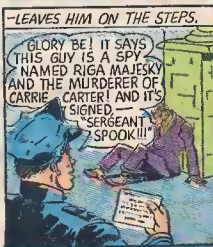
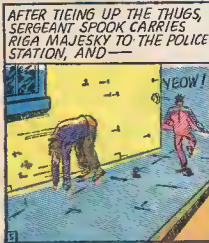
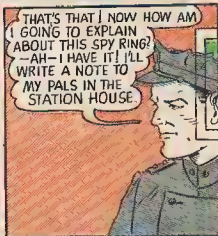
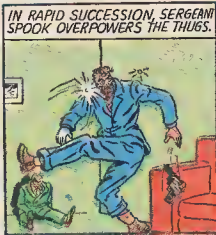
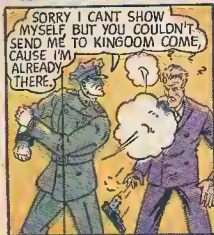
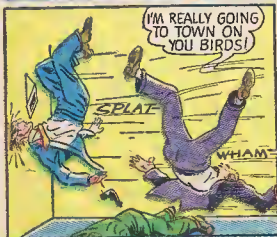
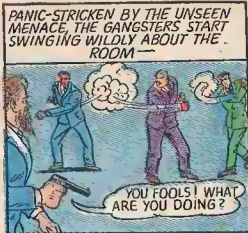
BAH! DON'T BE SO STUPID! THOSE DUMB COPPERS COULD NEVER PIN IT ON US!



HM-M - SO THAT'S THE WAY THE WIND BLOWS! WELL, GUESS I'D BETTER GET TO WORK ON THIS BUNCH!

AND SPOOK GOES INTO ACTION!



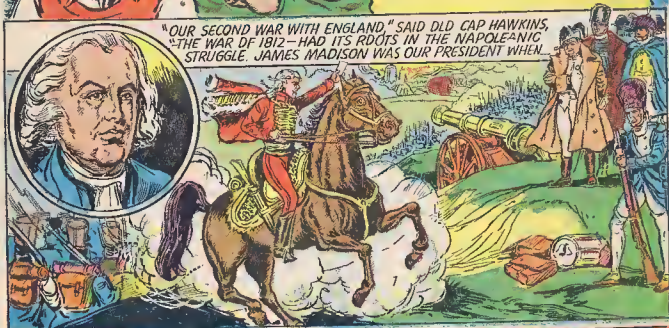


OLD CAP HAWKIN'S TALES

by
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FER

CAP WHO SAID, "DON'T
GIVE UP THE SHIP!"?

WHEREIN THE OLD LIGHT-
HOUSE KEEPER LIVES
OVER THE DAYS OF HIS
YOUTH AND THE GREAT
TRADITIONS OF THE SEA IN
HIS ENDLESS TALES TO JOEY
—HIS CONSTANT COMPANION.



"OUR SECOND WAR WITH ENGLAND," SAID OLD CAP HAWKINS,
"THE WAR OF 1812—HAD ITS ROOTS IN THE NAPOLEONIC
STRUGGLE. JAMES MADISON WAS OUR PRESIDENT WHEN

—ENGLAND, DETERMINED TO STARVE OUT NAPOLEON,
PROCLAIMED A GENERAL EMBARGO, IMPRESSED AMERICAN SAILORS,
AND STIRRED UP THE INDIANS."



*CAPTAIN JOE LAWRENCE, A BRILLIANT NAVAL OFFICER UNDER DECATUR AGAINST THE BARBARY PIRATE, WAS IN COMMAND OF THE FRIGATE CHESAPEAKE WHEN---



THE CHESAPEAKE WAS ATTACKED BY THE SHANNON.



DURING THE FIGHT, LAWRENCE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED.



HE WAS CARRIED BELOW WHERE---



---DYING HE UTTERED HIS IMMORTAL PLEA.



MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN OLIVER HAZARD PERRY, REALIZING THAT DETROIT COULD NOT BE CAPTURED WHILE ENGLAND CONTROLLED LAKE ERIE, PLANNED TO ATTACK.



WITH NINE AMERICAN SHIPS HE SET OUT.



THE BRITISH PREPARED TO FIGHT.

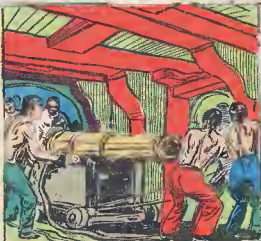
---THOUGH THEIR FLEET WAS SLIGHTLY SMALLER.



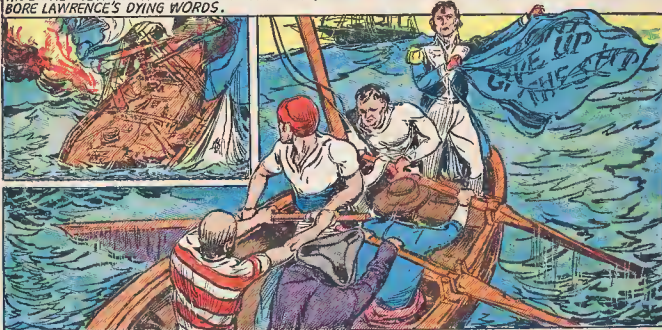
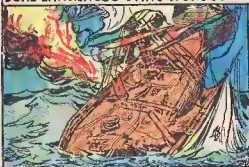
THE ENCOUNTER KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE WAS FOUGHT SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1813.



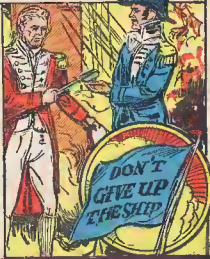
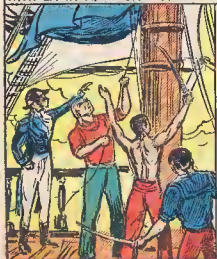
FROM HIS FLAGSHIP, THE LAWRENCE, PERRY ORDERED THE ATTACK.



THE BRITISH CONCENTRATED ON THE LAWRENCE, AND SANK IT. PERRY LEFT, CARRYING A FLAG THAT BORE LAWRENCE'S DYING WORDS.



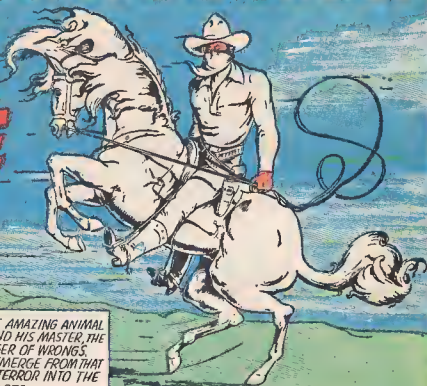
BOARDING THE NIAGARA HE FOUGHT SO WELL THAT THE BRITISH FLEET SURRENDERED, AND HIS VICTORY MESSAGE - 'WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND THEY ARE OURS!' - WENT DOWN IN HISTORY WITH LAWRENCE'S DRAMATIC 'DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP!'



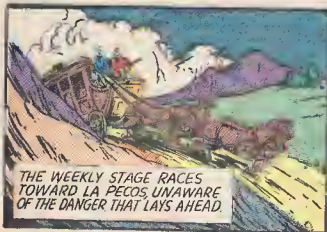
THE WHITE RIDER

AND HIS

SUPER HORSE



INTRODUCING SUPERHORSE—THAT AMAZING ANIMAL OF MIGHT AND INTELLIGENCE—AND HIS MASTER, THE WHITE RIDER, SILENT, GRIM AVENGER OF WRONGS, SWIFTER THAN THE WIND, THEY EMERGE FROM THAT STRANGE "LOST CANYON" TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THE STOUTEST OF EVIL HEARTS.

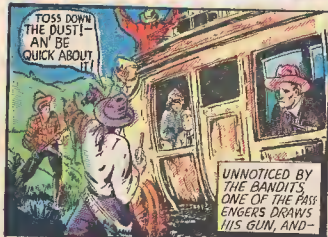


THE WEEKLY STAGE RACES TOWARD LA PECOS, UNAWARE OF THE DANGER THAT LAYS AHEAD.



HEY! THEY COME, ARCH! — YOU TAKE THE GUARD!

I'LL TAKE HIM YUH JEST WORRY ABOUT THE GOLD!

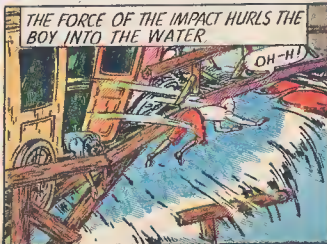
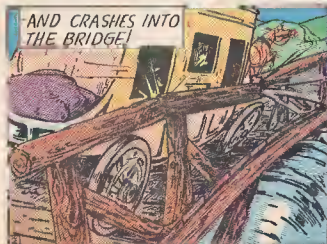
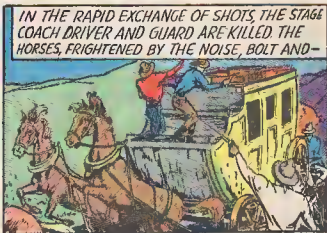
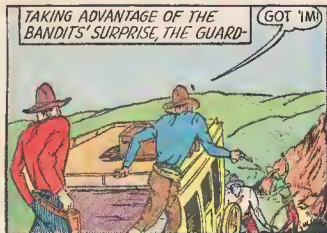
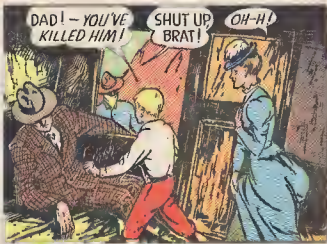
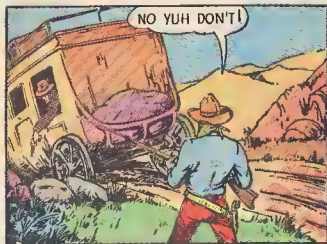


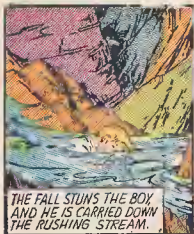
TOSS DOWN THE DUST! — AN' BE QUICK ABOUT IT!

UNNOTICED BY THE BANDIT'S ONE OF THE PASSENGERS DRAWS HIS GUN, AND—

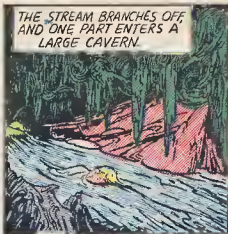


STAND BACK, YOU DIRTY—

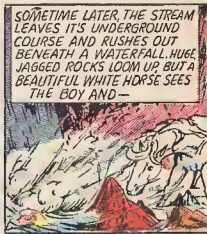




THE FALL STUNS THE BOY AND HE IS CARRIED DOWN THE RUSHING STREAM.



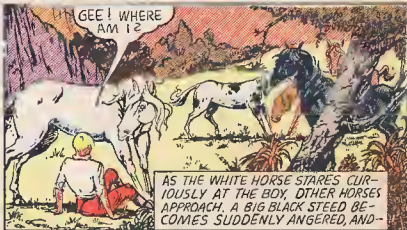
THE STREAM BRANCHES OFF, AND ONE PART ENTERS A LARGE CAVERN.



SOMETIME LATER, THE STREAM LEAVES ITS UNDERGROUND COURSE AND RUSHES OUT BENEATH A WATERFALL. HUGE JAGGED ROCKS LOOM UP, BUT A BEAUTIFUL WHITE HORSE SEES THE BOY AND—



RESCUES HIM JUST IN TIME. IN A FEW MOMENTS THE BOY COMES TO, AND SITS UP TO FIND HIMSELF IN A STRANGE LAND!



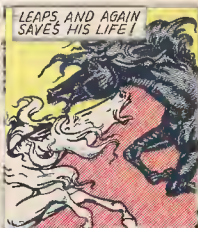
GEE! WHERE AM I?

AS THE WHITE HORSE STARES CURIOUSLY AT THE BOY, OTHER HORSES APPROACH. A BIG BLACK STEED BECOMES SUDDENLY ANGERED, AND—

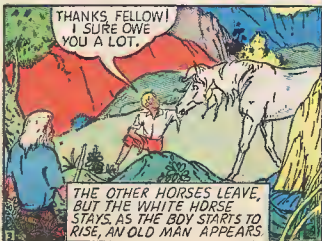


HELP!

CHARGES. BUT AS HIS GLISTENING HOOF'S FLASH ABOVE THE BOY'S HEAD, THE WHITE HORSE—

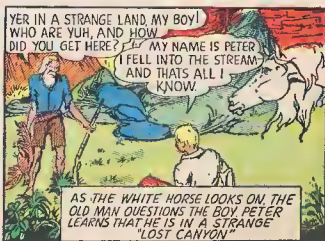


LEAPS, AND AGAIN SAVES HIS LIFE!



THANKS, FELLOW! I SURE OWE YOU A LOT.

THE OTHER HORSES LEAVE, BUT THE WHITE HORSE STAYS. AS THE BOY STARTS TO RISE, AN OLD MAN APPEARS



YER IN A STRANGE LAND, MY BOY! WHO ARE YUH, AND HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

MY NAME IS PETER. I FELL INTO THE STREAM, AND THAT'S ALL I KNOW.

AS THE WHITE HORSE LOOKS ON, THE OLD MAN QUESTIONS THE BOY. PETER LEARNS THAT HE IS IN A STRANGE "LOST CANYON"



BUT, GEE,
THERE
MUST BE!
I GOT
HERE!

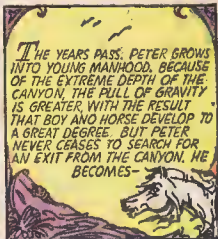
ONCE HERE
BOY YUH STAY
HERE! THAR AINT
NO WAY OUT.

THE HERMIT TELLS PETER THAT THEY
ARE THE ONLY HUMANS IN THE
CANYON. THE HORSE FOLLOWS AS THE
HERMIT LEADS THE BOY UP A ROCKY SLOPE TO—

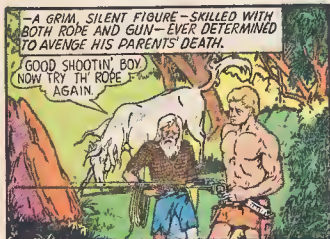


O' COURSE, BUT I BEEN HER
THUTTY YEARS, AN' I
AINT FOUND IT.
I'LL
FIND IT—
SOMEDAY
AND WHEN I DO—

—HIS RUDE CABIN. THE
HORSE STAYS RIGHT BEHIND.

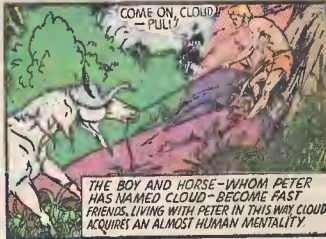


THE YEARS PASS. PETER GROWS
INTO YOUNG MANHOOD. BECAUSE
OF THE EXTREME DEPTH OF THE
CANYON, THE PULL OF GRAVITY
IS GREATER. WITH THE RESULT
THAT BOY AND HORSE DEVELOP TO
A GREAT DEGREE. BUT PETER
NEVER CEASES TO SEARCH FOR
AN EXIT FROM THE CANYON. HE
BECOMES—



—A GRIM, SILENT FIGURE—SKILLED WITH
BOTH ROPE AND GUN—EVER DETERMINED
TO AVENGE HIS PARENTS' DEATH.

GOOD SHOOTIN', BOY
NOW TRY TH' ROPE
AGAIN.



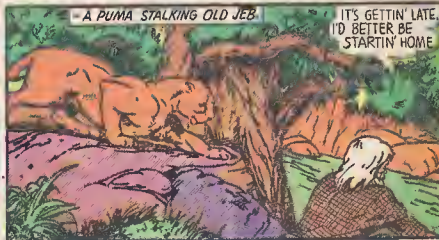
COME ON, CLOUD!
—PULL!

THE BOY AND HORSE—WHOM PETER
HAS NAMED CLOUD—BECOME FAST
FRIENDS. LIVING WITH PETER IN THIS WAY, CLOUD
ACQUIRES AN ALMOST HUMAN MENTALITY.



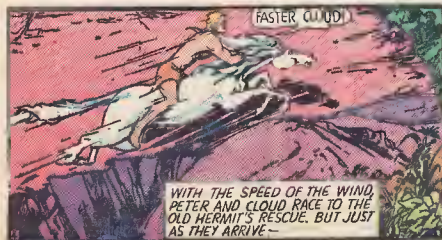
W'ATS THAT?

ONE DAY, A MONTH LATER, PETER'S
KEEN EYES SEE—



—A PUMA STALKING OLD JEB.

IT'S GETTIN' LATE.
I'D BETTER BE
STARTIN' HOME.

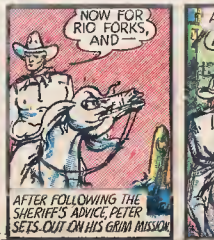
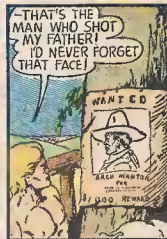
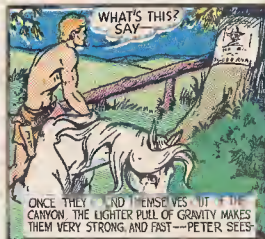
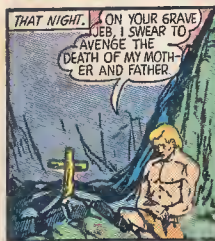
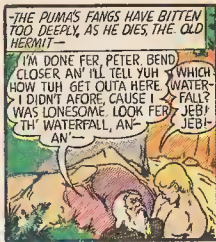
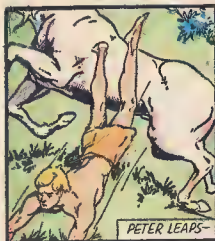


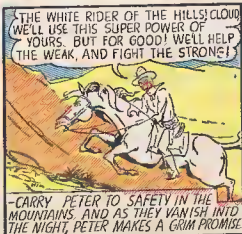
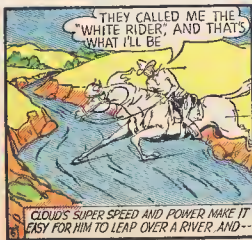
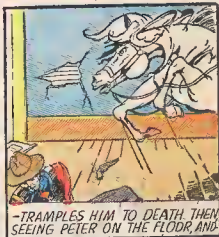
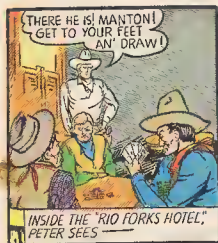
FASTER, CLOUD!

WITH THE SPEED OF THE WIND,
PETER AND CLOUD RACE TO THE
OLD HERMIT'S RESCUE. BUT JUST
AS THEY ARRIVE—



—THE PUMA SPRINGS.





SUB-ZERO'S ADVENTURES ON EARTH

By Stockbridge Winslow

**The Strange Man of Space
Finds It Hard To Get Away
From The Earth People!**



SUB ZERO, the man from Venus, sat dejectedly on the peak of a snow capped mountain. Around him stretched the bleak white mantle of snow. Far below he could see the green valleys through the ragged holes in the eternal mist that veiled the mountain.

His thoughts were gloomy as he recalled the circumstances surrounding his arrival on Earth. The sole survivor of a wrecked space ship! And instead of a warm reception from the people on Earth, he had been greeted by the bullets of the police. Only his uncanny power

This is the first of a series of startling stories about that extraordinary Man of Frost.

of controlling extreme cold had saved his life and, yet, everywhere he had gone and everything he had done had brought nothing but trouble and suffering.

A tiny speck travelling fast appeared above the clouds. Sub Zero rose to his feet and watched the approaching plane. The motor roared over his head and then throttled down as the pilot caught sight of him.

The plane banked gracefully and circled while the occupants pressed their faces to the windows.

Sub Zero shook his fist and shouted, "Go away, you fools! Leave me alone!"

With each flip of his arm, bursts of cold flew from his fingers into the air. Ice formed almost instantaneously on one wing of the plane. The motor coughed and stalled, and the ship shuddered like a wounded bird.

Battling with the controls of the falling ship, the pilot managed to keep it from going into a dive. The plane circled clumsily then hit the mountain, smashing the landing gear, but landing upright in the snow.

SUB ZERO gaped at the fallen plane. He hadn't meant to do it any harm. They had annoyed him with their roaring motor, and he wanted to be left alone. He certainly had no intentions of killing them.

With bounding strides, Sub Zero hurried to the plane. As he approached, a woman passenger screamed shrilly. Sub Zero pulled out his atom gun, and fired it into his own body! He immediately became normal, and he knew that he would remain that way until the effect of the rays wore off.

Stepping to the cabin he yanked the door open. Two men and a woman crouched inside.

"Please don't kill us," sobbed the woman.

"Why should I want to kill you?" asked Sub Zero.

"We've heard about you," said the pilot. "You're Sub Zero, the man from Venus, who wants to destroy the Earth."

"That's foolish, I don't want to hurt anyone." And then he added hotly, "Besides it's your own fault you're here. You shouldn't have been so curious."

"But what will we do?" the woman asked.

SUB ZERO stepped back and slammed the cabin door. Cupping his hands, he squeezed his palms together, and the moisture in that handful of air froze solid! Using this as a nucleus, he added more frozen particles of moisture. He worked swiftly and in a few minutes had fashioned a long gleaming toboggan of ice.

The pilot's head popped out of the window. "What do you expect us to do with that?"

"Come out here, and do as I say," snapped Sub Zero as he shot another ray into his body. He knew the pilot would freeze to death if he came near him.

The pilot jumped down on the snow and Sub Zero pointed to the ice sled. "I'll lift the nose of the plane and when I do, you slip the toboggan under, where the wheels should be."

Without waiting for an answer Sub Zero slipped his hands around the motor. The thick muscles rippled in his arms, and his back tightened like a taut bow. The snow crunched away from the fuselage and the plane was off the ground. The toboggan slid beneath the cabin and when the plane came down the jagged, broken landing gear bit into the ice and held fast.

"Now what do you expect me to do?" asked the pilot.

"Wait," snapped Sub Zero and leaped down the mountain. With every step of his flying feet the snow beneath him froze into a glistening ribbon of ice, making a smooth runway. When he had covered a mile, he turned and came back, widening the runway. He paused beside the ship, his chest swelling slightly from the exertion.

"There's your take-off," he said and without waiting for a reply he raised the tail and shoved.

The plane slid along the ice, its speed increasing. Suddenly

its nose came up and it lifted smoothly. Sub Zero watched until it had disappeared in the mist.

Then he started down the mountain. "I must get away from people," he said aloud. "I must have a chance to figure out what I am going to do here on Earth. I recall that there are arctic regions at both poles. I will go north. There I will be alone!"

DAYS later Sub Zero sank exhausted on a sheet of ice. He slept deeply, but was awakened by a rumbling sound. Opening his eyes, he was startled to see a ship crashing through the ice towards him. A gun was mounted on the bow and from its muzzle protruded something that looked like a barbed spear. Still half asleep, Sub Zero watched the ship approach.

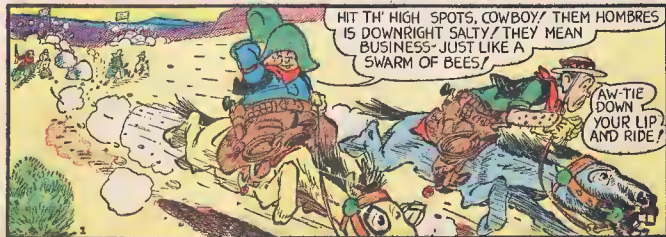
The gun roared and belched orange flame and the harpoon leaped towards the chest of the man from Venus.

HOW WILL SUB ZERO ESCAPE THE DEATH- DEALING HARPOON?

*Another SUB-ZERO
startling story in the
next issue of this maga-
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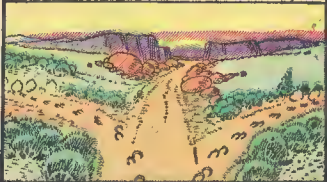
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ADIOS, PARD! WE'LL PART COMPANY HERE. MAYBE WE CAN THROW THEM GALLOPIN' GUNSLINGERS OFF US BY GOIN' SEPARATE WAYS.



WE CAN'T FOLLOW BOTH OF THESE PONY TRACKS. SO LET'S TURN OFF TO THE NEAR SIDE AND HAVE A LOOK-SEE.



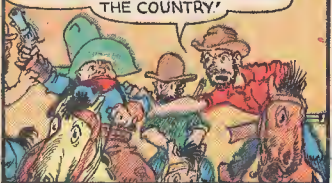
COME ON, CHARLEY HOSS! RATTLE YOUR HOCKS AND VAMOOSE OUTA HERE - MUY PRONTO! THEM HAIRPINS ARE SURE ON TH' PROD!



HEY - PULL UP! WE WANT TO MAKE PALAVER WITH YOU!



WE WANT TO HIRE YOU AND YOUR GUNS TO HELP FIGHT THE COWMEN THEY'RE TRYING TO DRIVE US SHEEPMEN OUTA THE COUNTRY!



AW, COME ON - JOIN UP WITH US! HELP US RUN THEM COWMEN OFF OUR RANGE!



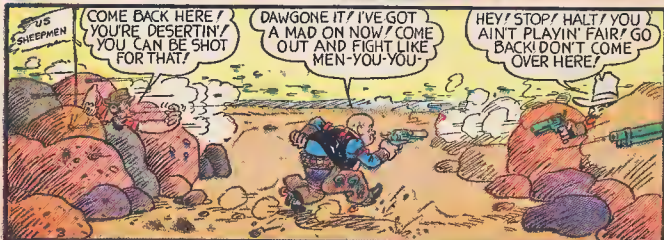
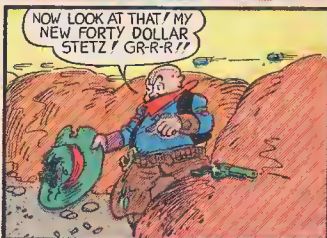
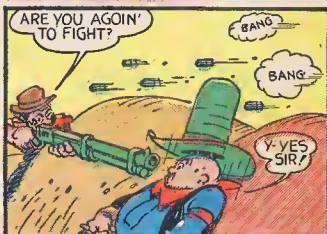
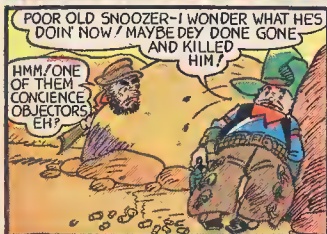
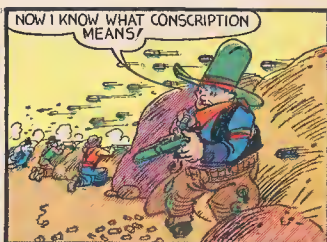
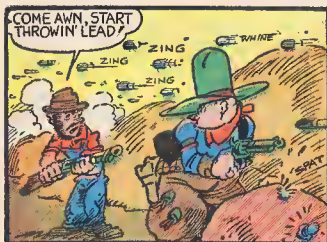
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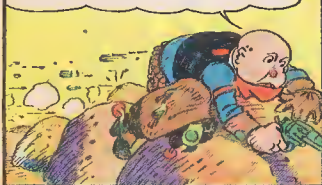


ALL RIGHT - ALL RIGHT! I'LL GO PEACEFUL LIKE! BUT I WON'T DO NO FIGHTIN' FOR NO DAH-GONE SHEEPHEADERS, NO HOW!

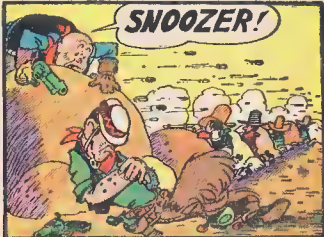




I'M GONNA WORK OVER THAT JASPER BEHIND THIS ROCK. HE'S THE ONE THAT SHOT MY HAT INTO PIECES! GR-R-R AINT I MAD!!

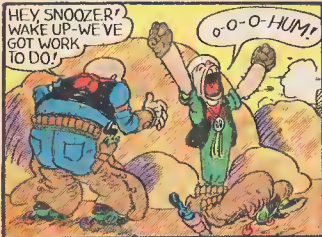


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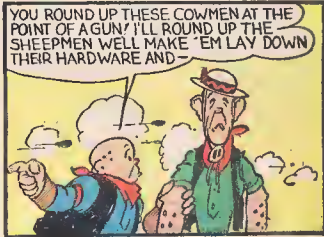


HEY, SNOOZER? WAKE UP-WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

O-O-O-HUM!

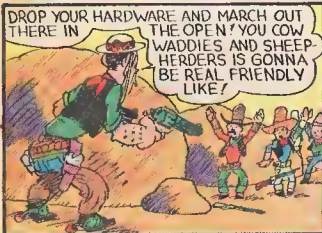


YOU ROUND UP THESE COWMEN AT THE POINT OF A GUN! I'LL ROUND UP THE SHEEPMEN WELL MAKE 'EM LAY DOWN THEIR HARDWARE AND--



DROP YOUR HARDWARE AND MARCH OUT THERE IN

THE OPEN! YOU COW WADDIES AND SHEEP-HERDERS IS GONNA BE REAL FRIENDLY LIKE!



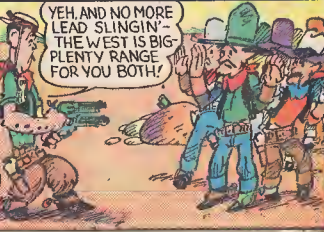
COME ON! AND NO BACK TALK! I'M RAMRODIN' THIS OUTFIT NOW! AND YOU HOMBRES IS GONNA ACT REAL PEACEFUL LIKE



NOW YOU GENTS JUST WALK TOWARD THE COWMEN- SHAKE HANDS AND I MEAN IT!!



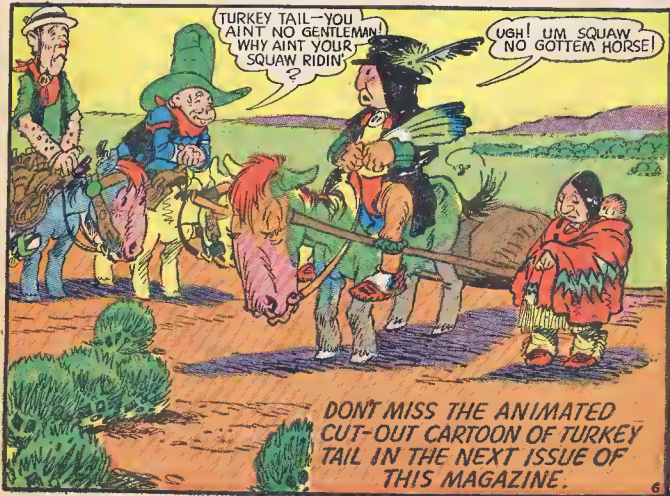
YEH, AND NO MORE LEAD SLINGIN'- THE WEST IS BIG- PLENTY RANGE FOR YOU BOTH!

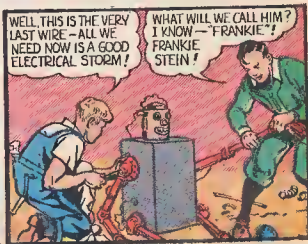
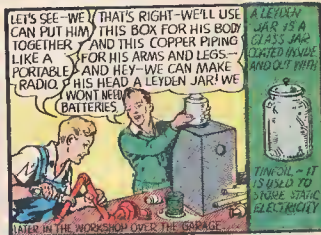
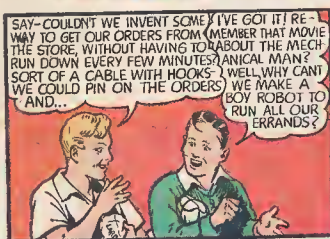
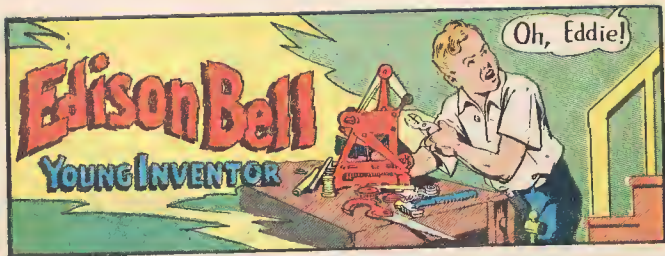


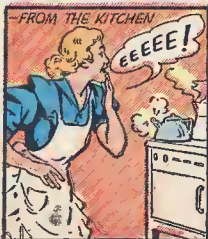
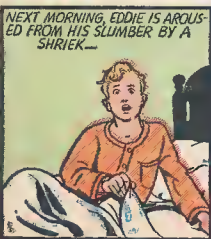
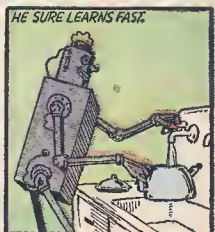
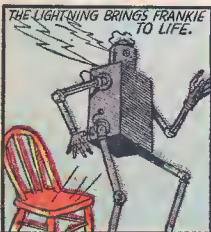
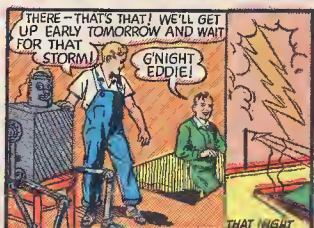
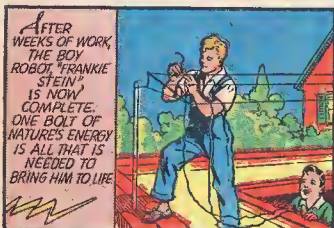
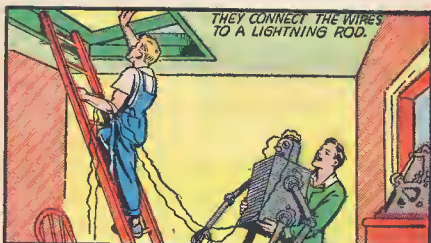
DIRECTIONS

CUT OUT PANEL MARKED "BACKGROUND" ON OPPOSITE PAGE, THEN CUT OUT PANEL WITH WORKING PARTS ON THIS PAGE. MOUNT THESE WITH PASTE OR RUBBER CEMENT ON STIFF PAPER OR CARDBOARD. CUT OUT WORKING PARTS CAREFULLY. CUT OUT CIRCLE IN EYE ON HORSE'S HEAD, THEN CUT OUT CIRCLE ON BACKGROUND BY HORSE'S NOSE. THREAD NEEDLE, KNOT THE END OF THE THREAD, AND CUT OFF EXCESS THREAD CLOSE TO THE KNOT. SEW THROUGH POINT "A" THEN POINT "A-1," KNOT THREAD CLOSE TO THE BACK, AND CUT OFF EXCESS THREAD AT THE KNOT. REPEAT THIS AT POINT "B" AND POINT "B-1," POINT "C" AND POINT "C-1," "D" AND "D-1," AND "E" AND "E-1." THEN DOUBLE THREAD, TIE A LARGE KNOT AND SEW THROUGH POINT "F" AND POINT "F-1," TIE ANOTHER KNOT AT THE END OF ABOUT TWO AND A HALF INCHES OF THREAD, AND TRIM OFF EXCESS THREAD AT KNOT. NEXT SEW THROUGH POINT "X" AND POINT "X-1," "Y" AND "Y-1," AND "Z" AND "Z-1" ON BACKGROUND, EACH TIME TRIMMING OFF EXCESS THREAD CLOSE TO THE KNOTS. THEN PULL THE DOUBLE STRAND OF THREAD, AT "F" AND "F-1" THROUGH THE HOLE CUT OUT IN THE BACKGROUND. NOW TURN THREAD AROUND AND AROUND, AND WATCH LOKE AND SNOOZER IN ACTION.

WORKING
PARTS



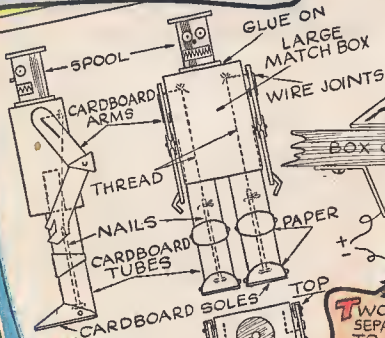




HELLO GANG! HERE'S HOW TO MAKE A MODEL OF OUR PAL, FRANKIE STEIN— JUST LIKE THE MODEL WE'VE SENT TO THE PATENT OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.!



MAKE THIS REAL, HONEST-TO-GOODNESS REMOTE CONTROL ROBOT! SET HIM ON THE TABLE, OR A BOX, WITH TWO ELECTRO-MAGNETS UNDERNEATH.



THE MATCH BOX BODY WITH TWO HOLLOW LEGS, TOPPED WITH A SPOOL HEAD IS ANIMATED BY THE PULL OF THE NAILS ON THE MOVEABLE ARMS.

TWO ELECTRO MAGNETS SEPARATELY CONNECTED TO TWO BATTERIES WITH PUSH BUTTONS.

"FRANKIE"
BY-NICK NA
Checked- E. BELL

BOTTOM

FOLLOW THEIR FURTHER ADVENTURES NEXT ISSUE!

Streamengineer

Runaway Person

by PAUL GUSTAVSON

AT SAN FRANCISCO THE ROCKET LATEST AND FASTEST OF STREAMLINED TRAINS STANDS READY TO MAKE HER MAIDEN RUN ACROSS THE CONTINENT....

RUNAWAY, WILL YOU
PLEASE LISTEN
TO ME?

DON'T
BOTHER
ME, CHIEF!

STOP WORRYING ABOUT A
SPEED RECORD OR IF I'LL
BRING THIS PUDDLE-JUMPER
SAFELY INTO NEW YORK!
I SAID I WOULD.... AND
THAT'S FINAL!

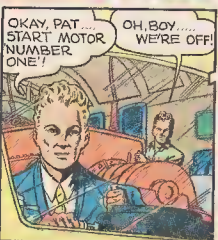
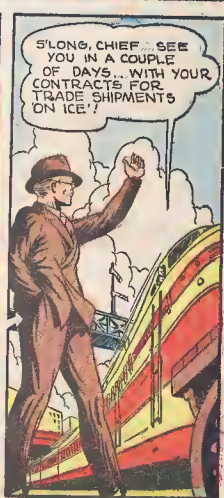
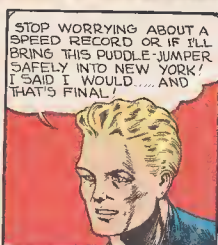
5' LONG, CHIEF... SEE
YOU IN A COUPLE
OF DAYS... WITH YOUR
CONTRACTS FOR
TRADE SHIPMENTS
ON ICE!'

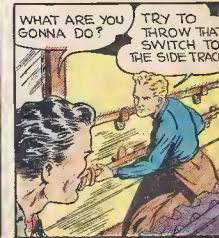
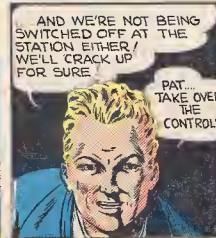
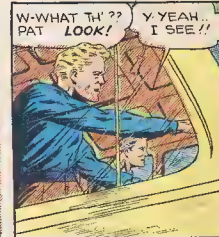
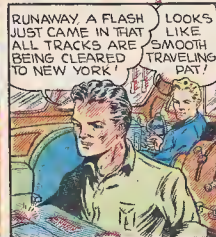
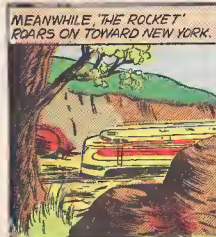
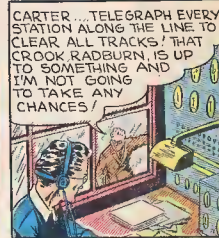
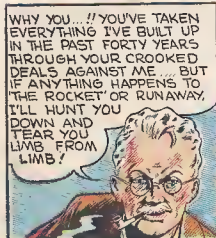
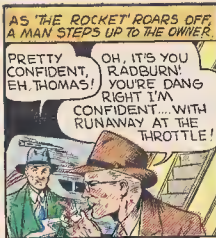
I'LL MAKE YOUR COMPETITORS
RECORD IN THIS BID
FOR TRADE LOOK
LIKE SMALL-FRY!

I
HOPE
SO,
RUNAWAY!

OKAY, PAT
START MOTOR
NUMBER
ONE!

OH, BOY
WE'RE OFF!





YOU'LL GET
KILLED
RUNAWAY

KEEP THAT
THROTTLE WIDE
OPEN, PAT!

RUNAWAY MAKES HIS WAY TO
THE FRONT OF THE ROCKET
AND GRACES HIMSELF FIRMLY.

THE LONG ROD
STRIKES THE
SWITCH....

AND THE ROCKET IS
SENT ROARING ONTO
THE SIDE TRACK NARROWLY
AVOIDING COLLISION
WITH THE FREIGHT TRAIN.

RUNAWAY IS THROWN OFF
BALANCE.... BUT HIS ALERT
THINKING SAVES HIM FROM
CERTAIN DEATH!

WOW! THAT
WAS A
CLOSE
CALL!

AS
RUNAWAY
REACHES
THE
CAB
AGAIN

THAT SURE WAS
BRAINY OF THAT
STATION AGENT! I'D
LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S
THE MATTER
WITH HIM!

BUT... UNKNOWN TO RUNAWAY,
THE STATION AGENT LIES
SLUMPED OVER HIS DESK.

HE GOT THROUGH!!
YEAH YOU'LL HAVE
TO STOP HIM
NOW!

SEVERAL MILES UP THE LINE, ON
THE OTHER END OF THE PHONE.

OKAY YEAH!! THE
ROCKET GOT THROUGH...
...WE GOTTA MOVE
FAST!

AS THE MEN RUSH OUT OF THE
SHACK, THEY PICK UP TORCHES
SOAKED IN KEROSENE....

A SHORT TIME LATER, CRACKLING
FIRES START IN THE NEAR-BY
WOODS.

HEH... HEH... HEH! BY THE TIME THE ROCKET REACHES HERE, THE WOODS AROUND THE TRACKS WILL BE BURNING LIKE A BLAST FURNACE!



YEAH... IF RUNAWAY TRIES TO GO THROUGH, IT'LL BE SUICIDE... AN' IF HE WAITS TILL IT'S OVER, HE'LL LOSE SO MUCH TIME 'THE ROCKET WILL NEVER REACH NEW YORK AN' WE GET A NICE BONUS FROM RADBURN!



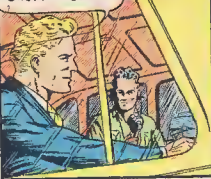
AS THE CRACKLING INFERNO GROWS MORE FURIOUS, THE ROCKET THUNDERS OVER THE RAILS, HEADING DIRECTLY FOR IT



HAVE YOU CONTACTED THAT CRAZY STATION? I CAN'T GET AN ANSWER! THAT FREIGHT I'M GOING TO TRAIN PULL GET IN TOUCH OUT IN FRONT WITH THOMAS OF US? AN' HAVE SOMEONE LOOK INTO IT!



GOOD... I DON'T LIKE THE SMELL OF IT! IT LOOKED TOO MUCH LIKE DIRTY-WORK!



OH OH! FROM THE LOOKS OF THOSE CLOUDS AROUND THAT MOUNTAIN AHEAD, I'D SAY WE'RE IN FOR A STORM!



STORM?? THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF ONE ON THIS WEATHER CHART!

WHAT? PAT - A FOREST FIRE!!



YOU CAN'T TELL ME THIS IS JUST A COINCIDENCE, TOO! THIS LOOKS LIKE SOME OF RADBURN'S WORK! I'LL SETTLE WITH HIM WHEN WE GET BACK FROM NEW YORK!



FROM NEW YORK...? YOU'RE NOT GOING THROUGH THAT FIRE ARE YOU???

YES!

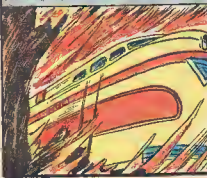


RUNAWAY... YOU CAN'T!! WITH ALL THIS OIL ON BOARD, THE HEAT FROM THAT FIRE WILL BLOW US SKY HIGH!!

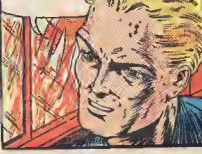
FORGET IT! CHECK ENGINE NUMBER TWO AND STAND BY FOR A CONTACT!



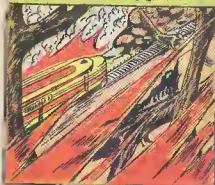
AS PAT CHECKS THE SECOND MOTOR OF THE TWIN-DIESEL STREAMLINER, THE TRAIN ROARS INTO THE BLAZING INFERNO.



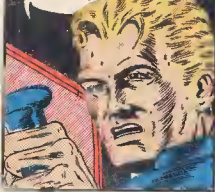
THIS CHROME-STEEL CHASSIS IS GETTING HOTTER AND HOTTER EVERY MINUTE!



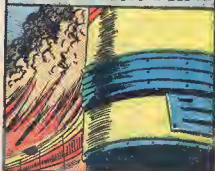
A BURNING TREE FALLS
ACROSS THE TRACKS IN
FRONT OF THE ROCKET!



CONTACT,
PAT!



AS PAT CONTACTS THE SECOND
DIESEL MOTOR WITH THE FIRST,
THE ROCKET LEAPS FORWARD
WITH TREMENDOUS SPEED....



...TOSSEING THE FALLEN
TREE HIGH INTO THE AIR...



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT,
PAT? PAT??



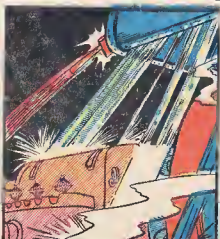
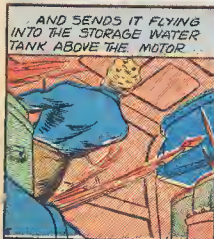
HE MUST HAVE BEEN
KNOCKED OUT!
WHAT'S THAT... THE
MOTOR'S ON
FIRE!



IN A FLASH, RUNAWAY RIPS
LOOSE THE EMERGENCY
FIRE AX....

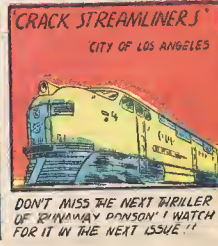
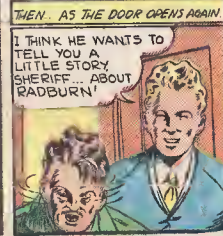
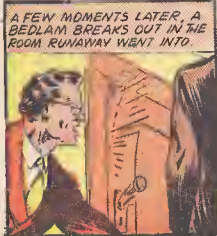
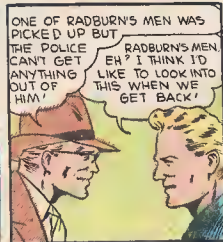
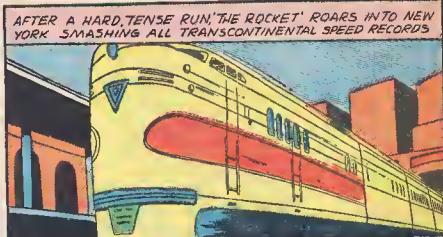
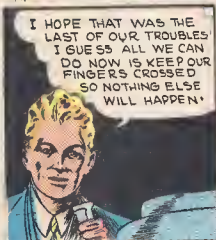
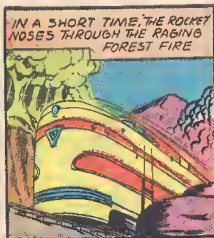


AND SENDS IT FLYING
INTO THE STORAGE WATER
TANK ABOVE THE MOTOR...



THAT SHOULD HOLD THOSE
MOTORS UNTIL WE GET OUT
OF THIS! AH... THE FIRE'S
GETTING LESS. WE'LL
BE OUT IN A
MINUTE!

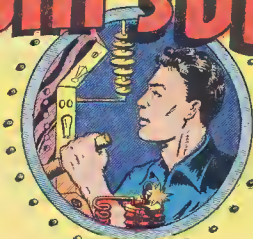




The PHANTOM SUB

SEEKING YOUNG BLOOD AND FRESH MINDS TO CARRY ON HIS WORK, PROF. BLACKBURN, AGED INVENTOR, TAKES AS HIS ASSISTANTS JACK DAMON AND SLIM DUGAN GRADUATES OF A WELL-KNOWN TECHNICAL SCHOOL. HE HAS PLANS FOR A SUPER-SUB WHICH WILL REVOLUTIONIZE ALL MODERN WARFARE —

by FOS



WELL, BOYS — I GUESS MY TIME HAS COME — IT'S UP TO YOU TO CARRY ON —



ON HIS DEATH-BED, INVENTOR BLACKBURN ENTRUSTS ALL HIS PLANS TO THE BOYS —



IN THE LABORATORY, JACK AND SLIM LOOK OVER THE PLANS FOR THIS SO AMAZING INVENTION — THE SUPER-SUBMARINE.

LOOK SLIM — A WATER-DRIVEN ENGINE THAT DRIVES THE SUB AT A SPEED OF 60 TO 100 MILES AN HOUR!

WOW!



WE'LL HAVE TO GET THOSE PLANS RIGHT NOW!

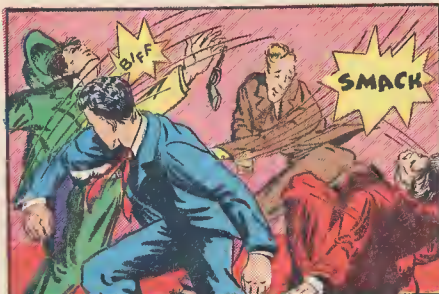


FOREIGN AGENTS PLOT TO SECURE THE PLANS FOR THEIR COUNTRY —

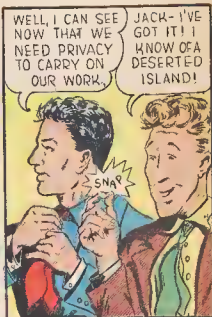


WITH GUNS FLAMING, THEY ENTER THE LAB.

MEANWHILE OUTSIDE



BUT THE BOYS GIVE THEM A TERRIFIC BEATING!



WELL, I CAN SEE NOW THAT WE NEED PRIVACY TO CARRY ON OUR WORK.

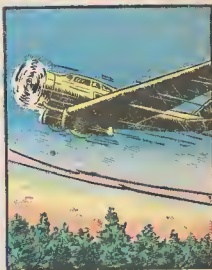
JACK- I'VE GOT IT! I KNOW OF A DESERTED ISLAND!



A TRUSTWORTHY CREW IS RECRUITED TO CARRY ON THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.



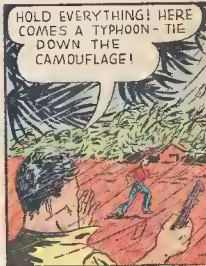
PREPARATIONS ARE RUSHED UNDER COVER OF NIGHT— SUPPLIES ARE LOADED INTO THE PLANE, AND SOON ALL IS READY FOR THE TAKE-OFF



PACKED AND EAGER, THEY SPEED OFF INTO THE DAWN.

MONTHS LATER

MAKING USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WITH THE BUILDINGS CAMOUFLAGED, TO AVOID DETECTION, THE SUB IS NEARLY COMPLETE— WHEN-----



A TERRIBLE TYPHOON LASHES THE ISLAND!

ALL THEIR EFFORTS TO HOLD THE CAMOUFLAGE IN PLACE FAIL ----- ONLY HEROIC EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE MEN SAVE THE SUB FROM DESTRUCTION.



WE'RE LUCKY IT WASN'T ANY WORSE!



THE TYPHOON OVER, THE INJURED ARE TREATED.



IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE.

I GUESS OUR GREATEST LOSS WAS THE TOP COWLING COVER.

INJURIES FORGOTTEN - ALL THOUGHTS ARE CENTERED ON THE SUB - THE WORK MUST GO ON!



THE NEW COWLING IS READY, SLIM.

FINE - IT'S ONLY ABOUT TWO HOURS' WORK!



NOT MANY MILES AWAY - A PLANE IS CATAPULTED FROM THE DECK OF A FOREIGN WARSHIP.



SEARCHING THE SEA, THE PILOT SEES AN OBJECT OF INTEREST - THE GLASSES SHOW



IT IS THE COWLING OF THE SUB WHICH THE TYPHOON HAD TORN AWAY - QUICKLY THE PILOT RETURNS TO THE BATTLESHIP TO REPORT HIS FIND -



GOOD! MAYBE OUR SEARCH FOR THOSE AMERICANS AND THAT SUPER-SUB IS NOT IN VAIN

THE COMMANDER ORDERS THE PILOT TO SEARCH THE AREA - - -

EVERYTHING'S READY FOR THE TEST DIVE.

GOOD!

AT LAST, AFTER ALL THEIR WEARY TOIL, THE SUB IS COMPLETED.

THE TESTS ARE PERFECT

WE'LL USE TIME BOMBS TO GIVE US A CHANCE TO GET AWAY.

OH, JACK.

IN LEAVING, THE BOYS DECIDE TO DESTROY THE ISLAND.

SO THIS IS IT!

THE SCOUT PLANE DISCOVERS THE ACTIVITY ON THE ISLAND.

CALLING M.S. URANIA

THE PILOT FLASHES THE NEWS TO THE SHIP.

IT'S THE SUB! WE CAN'T FAIL IN GETTING IT THIS TIME.

LIEUTENANT, TAKE A LANDING PARTY AND DON'T FAIL!!

AYE, AYE, SIR!

THE LANDING PARTY BOARDS THE LAUNCH.

WHILE AT THE ISLAND

WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED





THERE IT GOES!—
WHAT A
BLOWUP!

JACK WATCHES THE
ISLAND ERUPT TO
THE FOUR WINDS.



THE GREAT EXPLOSION ROCKS
THE MIGHTY BATTLESHIP.



THE MANGY DOGS!
THEY'VE KILLED THE
LANDING PARTY!!

ON BOARD THEY REALIZE
WHAT HAS HAPPENED—



CALLING
ALL NAVAL
CRAFT AT
SEA—
STAND BY

ENRAGED, CAPTAIN CRULE
CALLS THE ENTIRE FLEET
TO WREAK VENGEANCE
ON THE SUB—THE NEWS
IS FLASHED TO THE
WORLD—

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JACK—
LISTEN TO
THAT!

A PHANTOM SUB
BLEW UP ISLAND—
KILLED TEN MEN—
EXTENSIVE SEARCH
ALL PRECAUTION!

HORRIFIED, THE BOYS
DISCOVER THAT THROUGH
NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN
THEY ARE OUTLAWED!



WHAT
NOW?

WHAT IS TO BECOME OF
OUR YOUNG FRIENDS?
FOLLOW THEM IN THEIR
NEXT THRILLING ADVENTURE
IN THE
PHANTOM SUB

BOYS!

\$

\$

WIN

\$

\$

GIRLS!

25 CASH PRIZES

JUST WRITE A LETTER AND TELL US WHY YOU LIKE "BLUE BOLT"

IT'S FUN,
AND SO
EASY!

**WIN THIS
EASY MONEY**

!!!



25 Cash Prizes

FOR WINNING LETTERS

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